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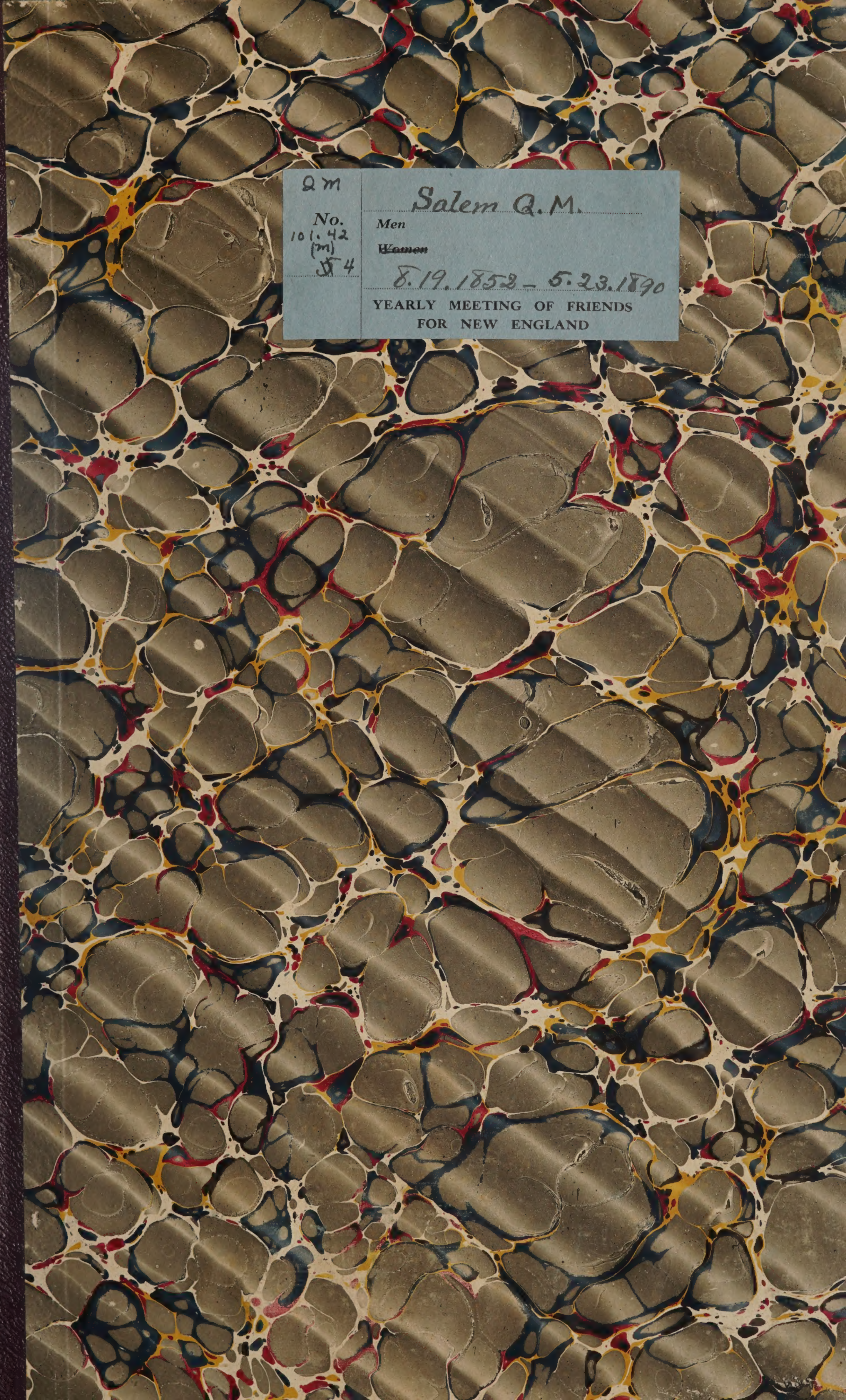

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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn 19th of 8 mo 1852 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, James Purinton, Stephen A. Chase, Abraham Osborne, Enoch Page, Nathan Breed, Estes Newhall, & Philip Chase —

For Seabrook, Thomas Folsom, Daniel Beede, and Moses Huntington Jr —

For Weare, Levi Gove, Daniel Page, 3rd Kenoi Chase, & Daniel Hussey; who being called are all present —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for Clerk, which being approved, he is accordingly appointed to that service for one year — And Stephen A. Chase is appointed Assistant Clerk for the day —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers thereto, from our several Monthly Meetings —

Our beloved Friend Susan Howland attended this Meeting & produced a minute of Concurrence from New-Bedford Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity with her, in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us; her company and religious services have been acceptable —

Salem Monthly Meeting informs, that that Meeting is united in the appointment of Stephen A Chase to the station of an elder — which after a time of solid consideration is united with by this, & the Womens Quarterly Meeting And the clerk is directed to give the necessary information

The Clerk informs that he has received about 450 copies of the printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which have been divided among our Monthly Meetings —

We have recd at this time 500 copies of the London Printed Epistle for the year 1851 — One of which has been read to our Satisfaction — and the clerk is directed to forward them to our mo. mtgs — Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, together with the Report of our Boarding School Committee were recd at this time as follows viz —

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island in the Sixth month, 1852 –

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings –

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee is approved and adopted and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several Subordinate Meetings –

To the Yearly Meeting –

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, report, that the objects of their appointment have received their attention – Meetings of the Committee have been held at the School-House Monthly, and the Schools have been visited in the intervals of these Meetings by members of the Committee deputed to that Service – The Semi-annual examinations at the Close of each term have also been attended by the Committee –

The deportment of the Scholars, with few exceptions, has been orderly, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory, evincing industry on the part of the teachers, and a commendable disposition on the part of the pupils to profit by the advantages enjoyed at the School –

Among the subjects of more particular concern with the Committee, has been that of enforcing the necessity of thoroughness in teaching and learning the rudimental parts of an English Education – correct reading, Spelling, & writing a good hand; while more advanced Studies, including the Latin, Greek, & French Languages, mathematics, &c. have been regularly taught –

A Knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles and testimonies, so far as it may be imparted by School education, has been considered important, and its acquisition has been an object of concern and attention in the School; and much labor has, from time to time, been bestowed to promote conformity to our well-known and consistent practice in relation to Simplicity in dress and the use of the plain Language –

The rules of the School in relation to these and other subjects, were, at the first Meeting of the Committee the last year, revised and havingbeen printed, were directed to be furnished to each Scholar on entering the School and to the School Committees of the Several Monthly Meetings –

And it is very desirable and important that Committees of Monthly Meetings Should carefully consider, when theyare applied to for Certificates for Scholars to be admitted to the School, of the fitness of such applicants as to their habits & moral Standing, as well as docility and willingness to conform to the wholesome discipline, and rules of the School; and to grant Certificates with due and proper discrimination in these respects –

The proposition of the School Committee to our last Yearly Meeting, in reference to the discontinuance of the holding of meetings for worship in the School-house, having been adopted by the Yearly Meeting, the Subject was carefully deliberated upon by the School Committee at their meeting in the 7 month, 1st, and it was our conclusion that the meetings for worship in Providence Should after that time, until the Committee should conclude otherwise, be considered the meetings for the Scholars, & family to attend –

We believe that advantages have resulted from this arrangement, of much greater importance than Sufficient to outweigh the difficulties sometimes experienced of all the family attending there – These difficulties have arisen chiefly in inclement weather, & when it would be improper for children, and particularly females, to walk the distance to the Meeting in Providence – But the advantages are many and important; giving the children an opportunity to mingle, according to their Several capacities, in religious concern, in a meeting for worship composed of many Friends with whom they are not associated at other times, and a meeting held in the public manner in which our Society have always felt themselves bound to hold their meetings for religious worship – During the last Summer, under the care of the Committee having charge of repairs, new warming apparatus in the School-house, and other improvements. including a very complete arrangement for the supply of rain water, and its use in the facilities for bathing and washing in the eastern wing of the School-house have been made, and have been found beneficial in promoting the health and comfort of the family — Our late valued friend George Howland, kindly gave his personal attention and superintendence to this work during its progress, and farther manifested his interest in the prosperity and good of the Institution, by contributing liberally towards the expenditure in thus adding to the comforts and conveniencies of the School —

At our meeting in the Second month the Committee came to the conclusion that the Institution, having been in constant operation, with the short vacations, since its first opening in the year 1819, no sufficient time had been afforded to make that thorough repair and renovation of the house which the convenience, health and comfort of the family require — And it appearing that alterations in some of the rooms, and several other matters of importance are necessary to be done, important advantages would be derived by vacating the School for the coming summer term, for a thorough repair & renovation of the School-house and appurtenances, the subject was laid before the Meeting for Sufferings for their advice in relation thereto — That Meeting advised and consented that the School should be vacated until the time of the Yearly Meeting, for the proposed purposes, and that the subject of a longer vacation be then brought before the Yearly Meeting for their decision —

In the mean time a sub-committee has been authorised to proceed with such of the proposed repairs and improvements as are earliest required, relying upon the approval of the Yearly Meeting and the liberality of Friends to supply the necessary means to defray the expenditure —

We have thought that at the present time it might be interesting and useful to remind Friends of the early concern of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of a School for the "virtuous education" of the youth of our Society, and briefly to advert to the progress of this engagement as manifested by a reference to the records of the Yearly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings —

So far as we discover, the first minute that was made upon the subject in the Yearly Meeting was in the year 1779, when official information was called for from the Subordinate Meetings in relation to the state of education among them — The next year, 1780, after solid consideration, it was concluded to attempt the establishment of a School; & it was recommended to "the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings the promoting of free, liberal and voluntary subscriptions, donations, bequests and devises, adequate to the design & importance of the subject" — "and that it become the care of Friends in future, in all the Meetings, to promote, annually, subscriptions to be applied to the use of the School, until the income of the fund shall be sufficient, and so make such annual subscriptions, unnecessary" —

The subject was then committed to the care and management of the Meeting for Sufferings, which accordingly proceeded to take charge of the case, and entered vigorously upon the work — It was a time when Friends, in common with others, were laboring under many difficulties and embarrassments in consequence of the war then existing between this Country and Great Britain —

Nevertheless, in 1782 the Meeting for Sufferings issued a powerful and extended printed address to Friends, in which they quote the memorable words of George Fox, when he expressed his concern that our children should be instructed in "whatsoever things were civil and useful in the creation" —

This address was liberally responded to, considering the pecuniary situation of most of our members at that time, & from year to year funds were raised and forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings — Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting contributed freely of the income of property in its possession — A room in the meeting-house at Portsmouth, R. I. was prepared for the reception of Scholars, and the School was opened under the care of Isaac Lawton as teacher, in the 11 mo — 1784 —

A very judicious code of Rules and Regulations was prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings for the observance of the teacher and Scholars, and in a minute on record, they say, — "Besides the necessary literary instruction, the children are to be taught habits of regularity, of decency, of respectful subordination to their superiors, of forbearance, affection and kindness towards each other, and of religious reverence towards their Maker, and those habits of silence and recollection, taught and practised in the ancient Schools, and inculcated in the Holy Scriptures" —

The School appears to have been continued until the year 1788, when the funds being found to be inadequate for its support, they being chiefly applied to the board and instruction of the Children of the poor, it was concluded best by the Yearly Meeting to vacate it for a time, or until some more adequate provision could be made for its support, and the funds on hand were placed on interest to be increased from time to time by subscriptions and donations —

The concern for re-opening the School was frequently revived in the Yearly Meeting, but it was not thought prudent to take any decided steps towards its re-establishment until the following communication was received, from our late valued friend Moses Brown viz —

"Providence 4th of 5mo 1814 —

To the Meeting for Sufferings;

Dear Friends — As my feeble state of health prevents my attending the Meeting at this time, I thought best to inform you that in the course of my confinement by bodily indisposition for some time past, the subject of the Yearly Meeting's School has been renewedly brought under my consideration — And believing that a permanent institution for a guarded education of the rising generation will be promotive of their usefulness in Society and the honor of truth, I have for the furtherance of these desirable objects, concluded to give a tract of land on the west part of my homestead farm, containing about forty three acres, for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the Boarding School thereon: provided the Meeting should consider it an eligible situation, and conclude to carry into effect the establishment of the benevolent institution thereon — If the Meeting should appoint a committee to view the ground, consider of the proposal and report their prospect to the next Meeting for Sufferings which may be more generally attended, they can then act upon it, as it shall appear to them best — You will however dispose of the proposal in this or any other way that appears best — As Treasurer of the School fund, I may for your information mention, that its present amount is about nine thousand three hundred Dollars. With desires that this important subject may be considered, and proceeded in, in conformity to the mind of truth, that we may hope for its blessing,

I conclude, your affectionate friend
Moses Brown"

Subscriptions were now renewedly recommended to Friends for the purpose of proceeding in the establishment of the School upon a more extended plan and more permanent basis than before, which were so liberally made, that in the sixth month, 1815, it was concluded after mature deliberation, "that the time has come when it will be best to proceed in making provision for erecting buildings for the necessary accommodation of the Boarding School on the lot proposed to be given by our friend Moses Brown" —

Friends very generally throughout the Yearly Meeting contributed according to their ability to promote an object which they felt to be very desirable for the interests of our religious Society, and the necessary buildings being completed and properly furnished, the School was opened the 1st. of 1st. month, 1819 –

While many might be enumerated who gave liberally towards its establishment and contributed annually for its support during the infancy of the institution, the following Friends have left bequests in their wills, which constitute a fund, by means of the income of which more than one half of the expense of each Scholar who is a member of our Yearly Meeting is defrayed, Viz – Thomas Folsom, Lydia Tillinghast, Sylvester Wickes, Obadiah Brown, Moses Brown, Amy Green, and Abraham Shearman Jr –

Since the School has been in operation subscriptions among a limited number of Friends have been several times made for specific objects, as the enlargement of the school buildings, the procuring of philosophical apparatus, &c. by which we believe much usefulness has been derived to the School –

There are now many improvements and repairs proposed – all very desirable & some absolutely necessary –

If the Yearly Meeting deems it proper to recommend a Subscription for ~~for~~ these purposes, we cannot doubt it will be entered into with cheerfulness and liberality – We trust there are none among us, who will not be disposed to do something for this Institution – and however small may be the contribution, that some individuals may feel themselves able to make, it will be acceptable and will place them on the list of those, who, according to their ability, are benefactors to an Institution, alike intended for the benefit of all – and the usefulness of which has already been extensively felt within our borders, and which we trust under the blessing of Divine Providence, will continue to be experienced not only in our day, but in succeeding generations –

We have had during the past year in the School, the services of our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, as superintendents. — Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stevens as Teachers in the boys' School, with the addition of John Henry Crossman for the Summer, and of William Foster Mitchell for the winter term —

Deborah Holway and Mary Ann Stanton have been engaged as teachers in the girls' School, assisted during the winter term by Sarah Alice Cornell —

Instruction in the Latin & Greek Languages has been given, during the Summer term by George Pierce and the winter term by Charles F. Brownell —

Elizabeth Prosser has also, as last year, been engaged as Teacher of Drawing and has had the care of some of the younger Scholars in both Schools during the year — Instruction has also been given in the French language —

The average number of Scholars has been 89. viz —
48 males, and 41 females —

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School fund have been audited —

The expenditures of the School for the year ending with the winter term, have been —

	$ cts	
By Superintendent,	15,168,30	
Interest & Insurance paid by Treasurer — — —	159,17	$15327,47

	$ cts	
The income from the School fund	6,838,51	
Balance in Treasurer's hands last year —	178,81	
Hired of Manufacturer's Bank	2,500,00	
Advanced by the Treasurer —	51,85	= 9,569,17
From Board, Tuition and other Sources, including balance in Superintendent's hands last year — —		— 6,034,95
		15604,12
Leaving unexpended in Superintendents hands —		276.65
		15327.47

From income of funds specially appropriated to the purpose a further sum has been expended on the farm & premises of 340,00

We recommend that the terms of last year for board and tuition be continued — books and Stationary being charged at actual cost, viz:— for members of our Yearly Meeting thirty Dollars per term, for members of other Yearly Meetings, Fifty Dollars per term, and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting forty five Dollars per term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted; five Dollars per term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Latin & Greek Languages, and the same charge for French. Payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term —

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the Charitable fund — Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee in the ninth and third months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee, and the children to be received, to be selected by that Committee — The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the Charitable fund being in the words of the donor, "For the Schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings — Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males" —

We trust the cause of education, and the religious training of the youth of our Society are held in unabated estimation by Friends — The children of our families are a sacred trust, committed to our care, for whose culture in every sense a solemn responsibility attaches —

This institution for the guarded education of the youth of our Society, which has been so much the object of the religious concern and care of Friends, and which has shared so largely in their liberality in its founding and support will we trust continue to be the object of undiminished interest –

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,
Stephen A Chase Clerk"

Providence 6mo. 1 1852 –

It appearing that there continues to be manifest deficiency in the recording of births, deaths and burials, this Meeting encourages Friends to greater care in this respect, and recommends that in each Monthly Meeting there should be annual appointments not only of a Recorder but of a Committee, selected from each Preparative Meeting, to report births, deaths and burials to the Recorder; and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, in relation to marrying in the kindred by affinity, made the following Report, viz –

To the Yearly Meeting –

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a change of the discipline in relation to marriage, as proposed by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, have considered the same, and are united in recommending that the provision of the discipline which prohibits the marriage of a deceased husband's brother, or a deceased wife's sister, should be rescinded –

For the Committee,

Benjamin Fry –
Mary Shove –

Newport 6th mo. 17th 1852" –

Which is satisfactory, and with the unity of the Women's Meeting, that portion of our Discipline upon this subject, revised in 1830, is hereby repealed – The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information to our subordinate Meetings, and they are requested to expunge the article referred to from our Books of Discipline –

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the article of our discipline concerning burials, made the following report, viz –

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To the Yearly Meeting –

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of some alteration in our Discipline relative to Burial Grounds – having given their attention thereto, recommend that the second paragraph on page 12th of our present Book of Discipline be rescinded and the following substituted –

Being very desirous that Friends should keep a commendable plainness and simplicity in the burial of the dead, as well as in other respects – it is the advice of this Meeting that no monuments be set up, in our burial grounds near or over the dead bodies of Friends, or others, or others, except a plain stone not to exceed fifteen inches in height above the surface of the ground, on which no inscription shall be made other than the name, date of death, and age of the deceased – And it is advised that the several Monthly Meetings take care that in these respects our testimonies be carefully maintained – And also to see that all burial grounds be properly enclosed –

On behalf of the Committee,

John Osborne –

Newport 6mo. 18th. 1852."

Which being solidly considered, it is united with, and the article of our Discipline on the subject of Burials, on the 12th page, beginning with the words "and whereas Friends" & ending with the words "are decently enclosed", is, with the unity of the Women's Meeting, hereby repealed, and the paragraph proposed by the Committee is substituted therefor;

And the clerk is directed to furnish copies of this article to our several Subordinate Meetings, and they are requested to cause the same to be inserted in our Books of Discipline –

From the Minutes of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk"

Which with the copies of the article of Discipline the clerk is directed to forward to our Monthly Meetings, taking care first to have a copy of the article relating to Burials, inserted in the books of Discipline belonging to this Meeting — And he is requested to expunge the article which is repealed therefrom —

The following Extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting was also received at this time viz —

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England held on Rhode-Island in the Sixth Month 1852 —

It is concluded to raise two thousand Dollars for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, which the several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer —

The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is Three Hundred and Eighty Dollars (380,00) 19 per ct —

From the Minutes of the Meeting —

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

And our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said sum to Micajah C. Pratt Treasurer of this Meeting —

Salem's proportion	50 per ct —	is	—	190,00
Seabrooks	"	20 per ct.	is —	76,00
Weare's	"	30 per ct.	is —	114,00
				$ 380,00

The women inform that they have united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abagail Nichols to the Station of an Elder; which claiming our solid consideration, is united with by this Meeting, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at Weare, at the usual time in the 10 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, 21st. of 10. mo— 1852—

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are—

For Salem, Daniel Osborne, Gould Brown, Enoch Page, Estes Newhall, and Micajah C. Pratt—

For Seabrook, Josiah D. Challis, William B. Thompson, David Reede, and Thomas Folsom—

For Weare, Nathan Breed, Herod Chase, Samuel Osborne 2nd, and Levi Gove; who are all present—

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting having at that time proposed John Page for assistant Clerk for the year & his appointment being then deferred on account of his not being then present, he is now appointed unto that service, until the 9. mo— of next year—

We have at this time present, a part of the Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting, to visit subordinate Meetings, who have presented a copy of their minute of appointment which has been read— Their company has been acceptable—

Our beloved friend Mary Meader attended this Meeting and produced a minute from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us— Her company and religious services have been acceptable—

Our esteemed friend Anna Hanson companion to Mary Meader, also attended this Meeting, & produced a minute of concurrence from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting of which she is a member — her company has been acceptable to us—

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings—

A returning minute on behalf of our friend Susan Howland who attended our last Quarterly Meeting, & who had since attended all the Meetings constituting this Quarter, has been read & approved— and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting—

Returning Minutes on behalf of our friend Mary Meader, and her companion Anna Hanson have also been read and approved; and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at the usual time in Salem in the 1 mo. next — Signed on behalf of the Meeting —

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Salem, 20th of 1 mo. 1853 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Philip Chase, Micajah C. Pratt, Nathan Breed, Jonathan Buxton Jr, and Peter M. Neall —

For Seabrook, David Sawyer, Thomas Folsom, Daniel Beede, and Hanson Underwood —

For Weare, Samuel Osborn 2nd, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joshua Page, and Elijah Johnson; who are all present but one —

Our beloved friend David Dudley attended this meeting, & produced a minute of concurrence from St. Alban's Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us. His company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our Esteemed friend William Farr attended this meeting as companion to David Dudley, and produced a minute of concurrence from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, informing that he is an elder, in unity — His company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

Our beloved friend William B. Thompson, a minister in unity amongst us, in a weighty manner spread before this Meeting a concern which has for some years rested on his mind, to visit in the love of the gospel, as way may open for it, Friends within the limits of Newyork and Indiana Yearly Meetings, and to appoint some meetings amongst those not in profession with us, and to visit a few meetings in the Southern parts of New-England Yearly Meeting, as set forth in a certificate furnished him by Seabrook Monthly Meeting, which has been read; which after a time of solid consideration was feelingly united with, and he encouraged to pursue his prospect as truth may open the way. And the Clerk is directed to make an endorsement upon his Certificate of the foregoing minute, and sign it on our behalf—

And we appoint our friends, Stephen A. Chase, Nathan Breed Samuel Boyce, Moses Huntington Jr, Thomas W. Thorndike, and Josiah D. Chullis, a committee with whom he may consult and advise in relation to the necessary arrangements for the accomplishment of his visit—

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Amesbury, at the usual time in the 5mo. next—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Amesbury, 26th of 5mo. 1853—

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;—

For Salem, Micajah E. Pratt, Daniel Osborne, Estes Newhall, Nathan Breed, David Rodman, and Stephen A. Chase—

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington Jr, David Beede, Edward Gove, and Robert Brown—

For, Weare, Herrod Chase, Thomas W. Thorndike, and Joshua Page, whose names being called, they were all present—

The Queries were read at this time, with answers thereto, from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island, in the 6mo. next. And Estes Newhall, William Rogers Jr, Joshua Page, David Rodman, Stephen A Chase, Thomas W. Thorndike, Nathan Breed of Lynn, & Newell Ordway, are appointed to attend said Meeting as Representatives —

The committee appointed at our last Meeting with whom William B. Thompson may consult and advise, in relation to the necessary arrangements for the accomplishment of his visit; inform that they have attended to their appointment, & they think the service is accomplished, which the meeting had in view in their appointment — They are therefore released from further care in the case —

In the account from Salem Monthly Meeting appears the following proposition viz —

"The Representatives to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting are requested to bring before the view of that Meeting the propriety of suggesting to our ensuing Yearly Meeting, that some steps should be taken, or advices issued, in relation to the subjects embraced in the Fourth Query; with a view, if it meet the approbation of the Yearly Meeting, that our members should be periodically and individually inquired of, as to their faithfulness in compliance with the requisitions of that Query" —

Which having been solidly deliberated upon, in this Meeting, we are united in forwarding to the Yearly Meeting —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that at their last Meeting, they were united in establishing a Preparative Meeting in West-Newbury, by the name of West-Newbury Preparative Meeting of Friends, to be held on 4th day of the week, previous to the 1st. 5th day in the month, at the 10th hour in the forenoon, which information is directed to be forwarded to our Yearly Meeting

We are informed that a portion of the Memorials of deceased Friends, have been received from our Meeting for Sufferings, and forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

The Treasurer of this Meeting is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of that Meeting —

It appears by information received from our several Monthly Meetings, that care has been taken in relation to the alterations directed to be inserted in our books of discipline —

A report from this Meeting to our next Yearly Meeting, was read and approved; And the assistant Clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again, in Lynn at the usual time in the 8 month, next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting —
John Page
Assistant Clerk —

Summary Answers —

Ans. 1 — All our Meetings both for worship and Discipline have been attended — Those on First days, by most of our members — Meetings for Discipline not so fully attended — Other mid-week Meetings continue to be neglected by many of our members, and one Monthly Meeting informs that a few wholly neglect the attendance of our Meetings — The hour nearly observed by most Friends — A few instances of Sleeping — Of Other unbecoming behavior, mostly clear —

Ans. 2 — Love and unity are in good measure maintained amongst us; yet one Monthly Meeting states there is a want thereof in a few — We believe detraction is mostly guarded against — When differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them —

Ans. 3 — We believe there is a concern with friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves; yet we are sensible of weakness, and falling short in these respects — We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friend's families —

Ans. 4th — We believe the use of Spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes, with a few exceptions noticed in the answers from two of our Meetings — The unnecessary frequenting of Taverns, and places of public resort mostly avoided — Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions alluded to —

Ans. 5th — We believe Friends are careful in these respects

Ans. 6th — Friends are mostly careful in relation to proceedings respecting marriage —

Ans. 7th — We know of no violation of our testimonies in these respects —

Ans. 8th — We believe Friends are generally careful in these respects —

Ans. 9th — Friends have been careful to have all their marriages, births, deaths, and burials, recorded during the past year. But there are deficiencies in our records of an older date, which we are endeavoring to supply — Careful as to certificates, with a few exceptions —

Ans 10th — Care has been taken to deal with offenders, in good measure as queried after — Yet we are sensible of weakness, and some delay, in the discharge of this duty — We believe judgment has been placed in good measure according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 10th of 8 mo. 1853 —

Reports received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named, are —

For Salem James Purinton, Enoch Page, Micajah C. Pratt, Jonathan Buxton Jr, and James Oliver —

For Seabrook Moses Huntington Jr, Robert G. Brown, and Thomas Folsom —

For Weare, Howard Chase, Ephraim Leighton, and John C. [illegible] —

Who being called were all present —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk, & John Page for assistant; which being approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year

Our beloved Friends, Jeremiah A. Grinnell, from Red Cedar Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Timothy C. Collins, from South Kingston Monthly Meeting; and Mary S. Watkins from Westland Co. Ohio and from Goshen Monthly Meeting, are at this time with us, & have produced certificates from those Meetings respectively expressive of the unity and concurrence of their Friends with them, in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed friends Thomas H. Stanley, companion to Jeremiah A. Grinnell; and John P. Wood, & Ruth Dual, companions to Mary S. Watkins, are also with us, and have produced Minutes of concurrence from the Meetings of which they are members, which have been read — Their company and solid deportment, have been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

We have received at this time about 550 copies of the London printed Epistle, for the year 1852, one of which has been read to our satisfaction and encouragement — And the clerk is directed to divide them among our monthly meetings

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, containing the Report of our Boarding School Committee are read at this time as follows viz — "

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island in the Sixth month, 1852 —

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was laid before the Meeting and read received its deliberate consideration, and fully united with the several propositions therein contained were approved and adopted, and the Clerk was directed to furnish copies of the Report to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. It is as follows, viz —

"To the Yearly Meeting":

The Boarding School Committee Report; That the School being vacated at the time of the last Yearly Meeting, according to its direction, the Committee proceeded to make those repairs, & improvements upon the buildings and premises which they believed the interests of the Institution & the convenience and comfort of its inmates required — Many alterations were made in the interior of the House, highly promotive of this end —

The several School rooms, lodging, and living rooms, have been much improved, and newly furnished, together with many alterations in the center building, and all the apartments are lighted with gas, very much to satisfaction —

Among the improvements upon the premises is the erection of a spacious & very convenient and substantial Stone barn, sufficient, we believe, in its capacity for the purposes of the Institution — Some other out buildings have been erected, and some altered and better adapted to their intended purposes.

Soon after the building of the Stone barn, a fire occurred on the premises, the origin of which has not been ascertained, by which nearly all that was combustible of the barn, together with a wooden barn, a corn house, and one or two other small wooden buildings, hen houses, and all the hay and fodder were consumed — The rebuilding of the Stone barn with enlarged dimensions, and the other necessary re-buildings, and loss accruing from this fire are estimated at about 2500 —

The expenditures for all the repairs and improvements,

including the loss resulting from the fire have been estimated
at $13,804.96 — — — — — — $ 13804.96 cts

The amount subscribed for these purposes
at the time of our last Yearly Meeting was
$3,612 — and since then, there have been col-
lected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the
School fund $2732,75 — making a total of 6344,75
Leaving an indebtedness of — $ 7460,21

We think it right to mention that 2000 Dolls of the
sum subscribed since the Yearly Meeting, was received from
our late dear friend George Howland, who, not long before
his decease requested his executors to pay this amount to the
School —

We would propose that $6500 — the sum received for
the sale of land authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, should
be appropriated towards the liquidation of this indebtedness —
This sum of $6500 having by conclusion of the Yearly Mee-
ting in 1847, when the sale of the land was authorized, and
also in 1847 after the sale was completed, been funded, and
the income, and the income of it concluded to be annually
appropriated for the betterment of the real estate of the
Institution — we think it best, that the appropriation now
made of the principal, should be considered in the light of
a loan to the School funds, the interest of which should be
annually paid from the board and tuition fees received, and
be expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate —
And we indulge the hope that a way may be opened, by
which this loan may be repaid, by the liberality of Friends, so that
the principal of it may be replaced and reinvested for the per-
manent use to which it was concluded to be appropriated —

The accounts of the Institution for the past year have been
examined and settled, by which it appears, that there have been
received from the income of the School fund during the past
year — — — $ 6936.40 cts
From the Charity fund — — 430,00
From the farm fund — — 390,00
Amt up — 7756.40

Income of Stock —	7756.40
From Scholars for board, tuition &c, are [illegible], including a balance of 216.65 in Superintendent's hands last year	4915,14
And from other Sources — — —	1388,44
Making a total of	$14059.98

The expenditures of the Institution exclusive of the amount stated above for repairs & improvements, and including $459.72 from Treasurer's account have been . 12,555.76

The balance now in Treasurer's and Principal's hands is — — — — — 544,01

At the time of our report last year the debt of the Institution was about 2500 dolls — Should the Yearly Meeting approve of appropriating the 1300 dolls, as we have proposed, it will be seen that the indebtedness of the School will then be $1955.99 —

In view of the accommodation of the Institution, it was believed that 80 Scholars of each sex were as many as could be well provided for and a circular to this effect was forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings —

At the time proposed, first of the 11th month, the School was opened, and 150 Scholars viz. 77 males & 73 females have attended most of the time —. A few who were admitted, from ill health, or other causes have failed to come —

Our friends Charles Atherton, and Gertrude E. Whittier as Principals, assisted by Edward G. Hoag, William L. Dean, Cornelia L. Varney, Lydia A. Neill, Elizabeth Prosser, and Charles F. Bonnell as Instructor in Latin and Greek; have acceptably filled the places of Teachers — Mary Atherton has also been usefully engaged in the Institution — Our friends Dani Varney & his wife, acceptably occupied the Stations of Steward and Matron during a part of the term; but owing to the delicate state of the health of the latter, they were released at their own request, and Hannah Allen now fills the place of Matron — Whether any additional assistance will be required in the domestic department remains to be determined —

By the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting the Committee may admit into the School besides our own members, those connected with our Society or who are being brought up as Friends as well as members of other Yearly Meetings when the accommodations of the School will permit — We are of the opinion that none should ever be received to the exclusion of our members, but that it is safe for the Yearly Meeting to confide to its Committee, appointed from year to year, a discretionary power to extend the privileges of the Institution, when they are not occupied by our own members, to those and those only who they believe will be exemplary in their conduct and faithfully observe the requisitions of the School in all respects —

As the cost of living and other expenses, are greater than they were at the time the existing prices were established, it is evident that some change herein is required, and we would propose, that the charge per Term should be 30 Dolls, for members of our Yearly Meeting; 50 Dolls when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings, and 64 Dolls for any others that may be admitted — that 5 Dolls per Term additional charge be made for instruction either in the ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing — payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each Term — books and Stationary being furnished as last year at actual cost — With these prices and careful economy, it is to be hoped that the current expenses of the School will be met — We would propose that the Summer term should commence on fourth day before the first fifth day in the fifth month, and continue until fourth day four weeks previous to the commencement of the Winter term — that the Winter term should begin on fourth day before the first fifth day in the eleventh month, and continue until fourth day, four weeks before the commencement of the Summer term —

We apprehend that a period of twenty two weeks continuous study, is as long as will be useful to the pupils or consistent with the health of the teachers, and that four weeks vacation in the Spring and autumn will not prove more than is requisite for the proper preparation of the house, and other necessary arrangements for the ensuing term —

As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine, how many others if any, may be received — Applications should therefore in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee held on third day before the first fifth day in the ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the Winter term — and on third day before the first fifth day in the third month, for those wishing to attend the Summer term — Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding Summer term — All communications respecting the admission of Scholars may be addressed to one of the principal teachers

The following regulation was adopted by the Committee in the 11 month last viz — "It is expected that Scholars will be at the School punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal teachers, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them — A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term" —

The earliest age at which children can be admitted into the School as now established by the Yearly Meeting is eight years — We would suggest to Friends that at this tender age, they are not likely to derive that benefit from being placed in the Institution which more maturity would probably give — We also would remind Friends, that sending pupils for a less time than one term, can confer but little benefit upon the Scholars, and is a great interruption to the classes — the desire that applications for such admissions should be discouraged —

Early after the opening of the School in the 11 month, there were several cases of serious indisposition; One of which viz — that of Joseph H. Crocker a member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, a lad of about 16 years of age, resulted fatally after an Illness of a little more than two days — In reference to this solemn event the following minute was entered upon our records, viz — "In the removal of this dear young man by a sudden attack of inflammation of the stomach, the family and Scholars were, we think, brought deeply to feel the uncertainty of life; and while we tenderly sympathize with his bereaved parents and friends, we are led to believe that the solemnizing effect of this dispensation may be blessed to those with whom he was associated, and lead them more & more to seek for preservation from Him with whom are the issues of life"

Near the close of the term, the Scarlet fever prevailed to some extent among the Scholars, producing much anxiety with parents and great unsettlement in the School — Many of the Scholars were removed by their friends, and the greater part of those that remained being desirous to leave, it became evident that but little benefit would be likely to result from any attempt to continue the School, and the term was therefore closed about two weeks sooner than it would have been in ordinary course —

The committee after solid deliberation came to the conclusion at the commencement of the term to re-establish the meeting for religious worship in the School house on first day mornings — and that the family and Scholars should continue to attend on first day afternoons and in the middle of the week, the meetings of Friends held in the City of Providence —

At nearly all the meetings held in the Institution some of the Committee have been present — They have been seasons of comfort to us, and we think it right thankfully to record our renewed sense of the Lord's goodness, in that He continues graciously to bless the concern and efforts to promote and secure in this School, the guarded, religious education of our youth—

We commend the Institution with all its present advantages to the increased attention of Friends—

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee—

Providence 5 mo, 4, 1852— Stephen A. Chase Clerk"

The following minute was adopted, viz—

The testimony of our religious Society against the iniquitous system of slavery as it exists in some parts of our highly favored Country which has now for a long series of years been dear to Friends, and as they have believed, has been incumbent upon them faithfully to uphold, as a religious testimony, and to be borne on religious grounds, is we trust regarded by Friends as increasingly important—

It is and must be matter of grief and concern to Friends, that the tendency of the legislation of our Country should be in any way designed to foster, perpetuate or protect this system so full of evil, or that under any contingency any of us or our fellow countrymen, and especially those who are comparatively free from immediate connexion with it, should be required by such legislation to aid in its support—

We believe that Friends are called upon faithfully to maintain the testimony to their abiding conviction that Slavery in its nature and in its effects is wholly inconsistent with the principles of our holy religion, which teaches that "One is your master even Christ and all ye are brethren"— How different are its requirements from that divine precept of our blessed Lord, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law & the prophets"—

A system thus characterized by evil is so entirely opposed to our religious profession, that we cannot sanction or uphold it in *any* degree, without at the same time being unfaithful and inconsistent— Since no compromises, no human agreements, no human enactments even, can render its support just & right –

We repeat – the testimony of the society Friends against Slavery is a religious one and is to be borne on religious ground alone – with firmness yet with meekness – in humility, in love, in faith and with a single eye to our duty and accountability to Him who created us – with no view to worldly advantage or to please men; but with singleness of purpose as unto God –

We believe the testimony of Friends on this subject, consistently borne, is and has been in the hands of an all wise Providence; among the means by which, as it is to be hoped, the evils of Slavery are to be done away – How important then that we be faithful herein – We are engaged earnestly to exhort all Friends that they continue to bear this testimony unflinchingly before the world, and against the requirements of Slavery in all their forms, as well as against every measure calculated to strengthen or perpetuate this lamentable evil" –

From the Minutes of the Meeting –

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

And the clerk of this meeting informs that copies of the Report of the Boarding School Committee, & of the minute on Slavery have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings –

The following extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, was also received – viz –

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, in the sixth month 1853 –

It was concluded to raise two thousand Dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, which the Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward in their usual proportions to David Buffum, Treasurer –

The quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is three hundred and Eighty Dollars – (380 – 19 per ct)

From the minutes of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

And our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of the sum to be raised to Micajah C Pratt

Treasurer of this meeting —

Salem's proportion 50 p ct is	190,00
Seabrook's proportion 20 p ct is	76,00
Weare's proportion 30 p ct is	114,00
	380,00

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended —

We have at this time with us several members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, appointed to visit as way may open for it our Subordinate Meetings, who have produced a minute of their appointment which has been read — Their company and services have been acceptable to us —

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Jeremiah A. Grinnell, Timothy C. Collins, & Mary S. Watkins have been read & approved, & the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

Returning minutes have also been prepared on behalf Thomas H. Stanley, companion to Jeremiah A. Grinnell, & John P. Wood, and Ruth Devol Companions to Mary S. Watkins, which have been read & approved; and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

The clerk informs that he has received a portion of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which have been forward to our monthly meetings —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude purposing to meet again in Weare, at the usual time in the 10 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, 20th of 10 mo. 1853 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, Daniel Osborne, John Newhall & Estes Newhall —

For Seabrook, William Rogers Jr, David Dow, and Jacob Presbey —

For Weare, Moses Chase, Samuel Osborne 2d, David Gove, & John Thorndike, who are all present —

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader, a member of our Yearly Meeting's Committee, attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her, in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Her company and religious Services have been acceptable —

We have also with us at this time several other members of the Committee appointed by our Yearly Meeting to visit Subordinate meetings as way may open for it; and the minute of their appointment has been again read —

Their company and Services have been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings —

A returning minute on behalf of our friend Elizabeth Meader, was prepared and read; and being approved, the Clerk was directed to Sign it on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting —
Samuel Page, Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Salem 11th of 1 mo. 1854 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, William Chase, Elder Kimball, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, John Henry Crossman, and Solomon Varney —

For Seabrook, David Beede, Josiah D. Chollis, Thomas Folsom, & Edward Gove —

For Weare, Joshua Page, Ephraim Leighton, and David Gove who are all present —

Our beloved friend William H. Chase attended this meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Scipio Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Scipio Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with him, in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us —

His company and religious services have been acceptable.

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers, from our several Monthly Meetings —

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gifford attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass expressive of their unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Her company and religious services have been acceptable —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs at this time, that Seabrook week day meeting has been discontinued —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they have released Nathan G. Chase from the station of an elder, which meets the approbation of this and the women's Quarterly meeting, and he is accordingly dismissed from that station. And the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

Returning minutes for our Friends Wm H. Chase, and Elizabeth Gifford have been read & approved; and the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Amesbury, at the usual time in the 5 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury, 25th of 5 mo 1854 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem Enoch Page, Joseph S. Nichols, Estes Newhall, David Ellis, John Buxton Jr, James Oliver, & Nathan Breed —

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington Jr, William Rogers Jr, and Daniel Beede —

For Weare, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joshua Page, Samuel Osborne 2nd and Nathan Breed; who are all present —

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6 mo. next — And Estes Newhall, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Joshua Page, William Rogers & Nathan Breed of Lynn, Howard Chase, Thomas Folsom, and John Page, are appointed to attend said meeting, as Representatives —

Our beloved friend William B. Thompson, at this time returned the certificate granted him in the 1 mo. 1853. to perform a religious visit in a part of our own Yearly Meeting, and in New York, and Indiana Yearly Meetings, and has informed us, that he has been enabled to accomplish the visit, to the relief and peace of his own mind

He has produced returning minutes from Indiana and New York Yearly meetings, & from divers Quarterly, and monthly meetings belonging to those, & to New England Yearly meetings, informing that he attended those meetings & that his company and religious services, were acceptable.

Weare Monthly Meeting proposes that their monthly meeting heretofore held at Henniker in the 5 mo. be held at their North Meeting House in Weare; and that the one held at their South meeting House in Weare in the 12 mo. be held in Henniker; And that the one held on 3rd day of the week in the 6 mo. be held on 5th day of the same week — Also, that all their monthly meetings commence at the 10th hour in the morning; which being approved by this, & the womens Quarterly Meeting, the changes are accordingly made; And the change in the hour at which their monthly meetings are to commence; is to take place in the 7 mo. —

The clerk is directed to forward to Weare Monthly meeting a copy of the foregoing minute —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of the

Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting —

An account from this Meeting to our next Yearly Meeting was prepared and read; and being approved the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being at this time closed, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Degree at the usual time in the 8 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

Summary Answers —

Ans. 1 — Our meetings, both for worship and discipline have all been attended, except three; which were omitted on account of the inclemency of the weather — Those on first days have generally been attended by nearly all our members — Meetings for Discipline not so fully attended — Our midweek meetings continue to be neglected by many —

The hour nearly observed by most Friends. A few appearances of sleeping — Other unbecoming behaviour mostly avoided —

Ans. 2 — We believe there is a good degree of love and unity subsisting amongst us, though not without a few exceptions, and that detraction is mostly guarded against — When differences have arisen, endeavours have been used to end them —

Ans. 3 — We believe there is a concern with friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary herein themselves — yet it is believed, that more faithfulness and circumspection herein, would prove a blessing to both children & parents — We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read, in nearly all of Friends families —

Ans. 4 — We believe the use of Spirituous liquors, is confined to medicinal purposes, with but few exceptions, and that the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns, and places of public resort is mostly avoided — Moderation, and temperance are observed on the occasions alluded to —

Ans. 5th — Care is taken in these respects —

Ans. 6th — Mostly careful in these respects —

Ans. 7th — We know of no violation of our testimony in these respects —

Ans. 8th — We believe Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query —

Ans. 9th — Care is taken in respect to our records, with few exceptions — A few removals without Certificates —

Ans. 10th — Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust, in good measure agreeable to this query; yet we are sensible of weakness, and some delay in timely dealing — The [illegible] judgment has been placed according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 17th of 8 mo. 1854 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are; For Salem, Estes Newhall, Samuel Neall, Samuel P. Johnson, Enoch Page, Daniel Osborn, & Benjamin Purinton —

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington Jr, Daniel Beede, William Rogers, and Edward Gove —

For Weare, Nathan Sawyer, Hervey Chase, David Gove, and Albert Breed, who are present —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives then proposed Samuel Boyce for Clerk, & John Page for assistant, which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

Having at this time the company of our beloved friends, John D. Tilby from Greenwich Monthly Meeting Ohio, Joel Battey from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting Vermont; Charles F. Coffin from Sidney Monthly Meeting Maine, and Samuel Gifford from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass: Certificates from those meetings were produced, & read, expressive of the unity and concurrence of their Friends with them, in their prospects of religious engagements amongst us; Their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Rufus Sherman Companion to Samuel Gifford, also attended this meeting, and produced a minute of Concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting; his Company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings —

Copies of the London printed Epistle for 1853 have been received at this time, one of which has been read to our encouragement; and the clerk is directed to forward them to our Monthly Meetings —

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were also received, together with copies of the Report of our Boarding School Committee, as follows, viz —

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode Island, in the Sixth month, 1854 —

The Boarding School Committee presented their annual Report, which was satisfactory to this Meeting, and the propositions thereof approved, and the Clerk directed to furnish copies of it to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings — It was as follows. viz —

"To the Yearly Meeting —

The Boarding School Committee Report, that they have given attention to the duties of their appointment, during the past year, and according to ability afforded, have endeavoured so to direct the affairs of the institution as to render it most conducive to the design of Friends in its establishment —

There were admitted for the Summer Term 114, and for the Winter Term 192 Scholars — 12 of the latter to supply the places of those who failed to come — Of those admitted, 106 in the Summer, and 158 in the Winter Terms, attended the School —

Circumstances no doubt occur, which necessarily prevent a Scholar from coming to the School after applying for and obtaining admission, but we desire to impress upon the minds of Friends, the inconvenience and often the loss liable to be sustained, when scholars who apply for and obtain regular admission, and who are included in the number which the School can accommodate, fail to come, and their places remain vacant, to the exclusion of others who are desirous of filling them — Embarrassment has resulted from this cause during the last year, and we consider it quite important that Friends in making their applications for admission of scholars, should bear these considerations in mind —

We have had the acceptable services during the year of Charles Atherton, and Gertrude E. Whittier, as Principals, assisted during the Summer Term by Edward G. Hoag, William H. Varney, Lydia M. Neal and Pamelia E. Varney, and as Teacher of Latin & Greek, by Charles H. Packhurst; -

Gertrude E. Whittier also taught the French Language, and during the Winter Term by William H. Varney, Charles A. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna Mc Keel and Parmelia E. Varney; and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by William L. Dean, and of French and German, by Louisse Parrott — Elizabeth Prosser has been Teacher of drawing and needle work through both Terms —

We believe the system of teaching under these instructors, has been thorough, and the Government of the School firm and at the same time kind and parental. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has been generally satisfactory, evincing care and industry in both scholars & teachers —

Orderly deportment has generally been observed among the scholars, and a disposition cheerfully to submit to the rules of the school has been shown, with very few exceptions —

The plan adopted of placing the domestic and farming operations of the institution under the care of a Steward & Matron, has been continued through the year, so far as circumstances would permit, and we believe these departments have been conducted as satisfactorily and economically as under any former system —

Attention has been given to promote the improvement of the farm and grounds about the house, and a generous offer by a Friend to present the institution with a sufficient number of fruit trees to plant two or three acres of land and to attend to the planting of the same, has been accepted by the Committee, and the trees as proposed, have been plante the present Spring —

The extensive and thorough repairs which were put upon the buildings in 1852, have added very much to the convenience, pleasantness, and usefulness of the School — It has been found necessary however to make some considerable alterations and improvements in the apparatus for cooking, in which at the time of the general repair alluded to no alteration was made —

A full supply of pure water in the institution is of great importance, and the attention of the Committee has been given to this subject, and arrangements are made which it is hoped may secure this end —

Meetings for worship have been continued in the School on First day mornings — These meetings have been frequently attended by members of the Committee — The deportment of the scholars on these occasions has been serious and becoming, and they have at times been seasons of much solemnity — On First-day afternoons, and in the middle of the week, the family attend meeting in Providence — Harmony has, during the year, been preserved among the various branches of the family —

Leave has been granted by the committee to the Trustees of Obadiah Brown's benevolent fund, to take copies of the minutes made by the School Committee, respecting our late beloved friends, Moses Brown, William Almy, and Obadiah Brown, with a view to their being printed —

The family has during the year been mostly preserved in health, yet one member has been removed by death — Our esteemed friend, Hannah Allen, who died after a short illness of pneumonia, in the second month last — She bore her sickness with much Christian patience, looking in prayer as we trust to that source from whence alone true consolation and support came – Our friend had acceptably filled the Station of matron, and at the time of her last sickness was in the performance of the responsible duties of nurse –

The accounts of the institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears that there has been received:

	$ cts
From the income of the School Fund –	6,710, 40
From the charitable fund	460 00
From the farm fund –	390 00
From Scholars, for board, tuition, Stationary, &c. including $76,21. from sales of some small articles,	10316, 00
	17876.40

The expenditures of the institution have been:

By the Treasurer for fire insurance. –	165, 00
Interest on $6,500; borrowed from the farm fund $390,00, and on other indebtedness of the institution, 205.70 –	595, 70
Payments by the Principal for the support of the institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, repairs and improvements, &c.	18718, 79
	$ 19479.49

At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the institution was. –	1,955 99
By the above statement of the accounts it appears that the income has fallen short of the expenditures, the sum of –	1,603 09
Increasing the indebtedness, to the sum of $ –	3559 08

beside the indebtedness of 6,500 to the farm fund –

The excess of expenditures may be mainly attributed to the increase in the prices of nearly all articles of consumption, required in the Institution –

In view of the above result, it seems not only prudent and proper but absolutely necessary to increase the price of board and tuition – And after much consideration we have concluded to recommend that the charge per term should be 40 Dolls for members of our Yearly Meeting — 60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings — and 80 Dolls for any others that may be admitted — That 5 Dolls per term additional Charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing —

Payment to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term — books and Stationary being furnished as last year at actual cost —

We add hereto the following extracts from our report of last year, for the information of Friends, viz — "As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all, in this Yearly Meeting, that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received —

Applications should therefore, in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee, held on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Ninth Month, for those who desire to attend during the Winter Term, — and on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Third month, for those wishing to attend the Summer term — Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the committee in the Ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the Winter or succeeding Summer Term — All communications respecting the admission of Scholars may be addressed to one of the principal Teachers —

It is expected that Scholars will be at the School punctually at the Commencement of the Term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal Teachers, with one week of that time stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them — A failure to attend the School or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the Term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the Term" —

In conclusion we believe there is cause for encouragement for Friends still to avail themselves of the means of improvement which the Institution presents, and to continue to watch over and endeavor to promote its interests —

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

Stephen A. Chase
Clerk —

Providence, 5th Month. 30th. 1854"

A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting in relation to the issuing of advice by this Meeting with regard to obtaining minute information in respect to the observance of the fourth query coming under consideration at this time, by reference from our Minutes of last year, and the subject of it having claimed our serious attention by the reading of the answers now received to that query, in consequence of a want of sufficiently definite information in regard to the use of Spirituous liquors, it is the desire of this Meeting that our Subordinate Meetings should in future make in their answers, a definite statement as to the number coming to their knowledge (should there unhappily be any within their limits) who use Spirituous liquors, except for medicine, and Friends are requested to be faithful in the exercise of our Christian Discipline on this subject, and in the answers to all our queries, our Meetings are requested to make them as explicit as is practicable, and the clerk is directed to furnish our Subordinate meetings with a copy of this minute —

From the Minutes of the Meeting —

Samuel Boyd Tobey
Clerk"

And the clerk is directed to forward copies of the

Report to our several Monthly Meetings; and the minute in relation to answering the Queries, is recommended to the careful consideration & observance of Friends—

The clerk informs that he has received 500 copies of the printed minutes of our Yearly Meeting, which have been divided among our Monthly Meetings—

We have received from our Meeting for Sufferings, a portion of the Memorials of deceased Friends; and from our Yearly Meeting 500 copies of the address on Peace; all of which the clerk is directed to forward to our Monthly Meetings—

The following minute of our Yearly Meeting was likewise received viz—

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month. 1854—

It was concluded to raise two Thousand Dollars for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward in their usual proportions to David Buffum Treasurer— The Quota of Salem Qy Meeting, is 380 Dolls— 19 per cent—

From the minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey. Clerk")

And our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of the sum to be raised, to Micajah C. Pratt, Treasurer of this Meeting—

Salem Monthly Meetings proportion 50 pr ct is =	190,00
Seabrook's Proportion 20 pr ct is — —	76.00
Weare's proportion 30 pr cts is —	114.00
	$ 380,00

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyce a minister in unity with us, in a weighty manner, opened in this Meeting, a concern which has for several months accompanied his mind, and increasingly so of late, to attend the approaching Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina; and he apprehends it may be required of him to attend and appoint some Meetings within the limits of those Yearly Meetings, & if way should open for it, attend some Meetings on the way, going and returning —

After a time of solid consideration his concern was fully united with by the meeting, and he left at liberty and encouraged to pursue it as Best Wisdom may direct — And the assistant Clerk was directed to endorse the Substance of this minute upon the Certificate granted him by Salem Monthly Meeting, and sign it on our behalf —

A returning minute for our friend John L. Eddy has been read & approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting —

The clerk is also directed to furnish returning minutes of a tenor which has been approved, to our Friends Joel Battey, Charles F. Coffin, Lemuel Gifford, & Rufus Sherman, & sign them on our behalf —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs, that they have changed the time of holding their meetings on first day, at the North & South Meeting Houses in Weare, to the 10th hour in the morning —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare, at the usual time in the 10mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 19th of 10mo 1854 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Stephen A Chase, Micajah C. Pratt, Daniel Osborne, and Estes Newhall —

For Seabrook, Thomas Folsom, Stephen Breed, Josiah D. Challis, and Newell Ordway —

For Weare, Nathan Breed, Nathan Sawyer, Israel Hoag, and Nathaniel Chase — Who are all present —

The Queries were read at this time with the required answers, from our several Monthly Meetings —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
"John Page
Assistant Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 18th of 1 mo. 1855

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Estes Newhall, David Rodman, Enoch Page, Benjamin H. Jones, Samuel Neall, and Philip Chase —

For Seabrook, John Huntington, Francis H. Brown, and William B. Thompson —

For Weare, Nathan Breed, Joshua Page, and David Gove — Who are all present but one —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

Our beloved Friend Samuel Boyce at this time returned the minute granted him by this Meeting, in the 8 mo. last, for religious service as therein expressed —

He informed us that he was enabled to accomplish the service in prospect to his own peace —

He produced returning Minutes from the Yearly Meeting held in Baltimore in the 10 mo. and the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, held in the 11 mo. Also from the eastern and Western Quarterly Meetings. N. C. the Quarterly Meeting of Baltimore, and the Monthly Meeting of Holly Spring N. C. all expressive of satisfaction with his company and gospel labours among them which are satisfactory to us — The return of our dear Friend from the field of labour into which he felt himself called in safety & peace, is cause of humble thank—

fulness to the presence of men, & encouragement to us –

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at Amesbury, at the usual time in the 5 mo next –

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 5 mo. 24th 1855 –

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Micajah C Pratt, Nathan Breed, Gould Brown, Solomon Varney, William Chase, and Estes Newhall –

For Seabrook, William B. Thompson, Moses Huntington, Edward L. Gove, and Thomas Folsom –

For Weare, John Page, Samuel Osborne, John Thorndike, and Joshua Page –

Who being called, are all present –

Having at this time with us, our esteemed Friends Jared Pattison, from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Isaac Jay from Mississinewa Monthly Meeting, Indiana; and Amos Hanson from Windham Monthly Meeting Maine; Satisfactory Certificates of concurrence have been read, expressive of the unity of their Friends with them in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us – Their company & religious services have been acceptable –

Our esteemed Friends Joseph Griffin from Spiceland Monthly Meeting Indiana companion to Jared Patterson, & Luke Thomas from New-Garden Monthly Meeting, Indiana, companion to Isaac Jay, are also with us, and have produced minutes of concurrence which have been read – Their company has been acceptable to us –

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto, from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the Sixth month, next; and Estes Newhall, Moses Huntington jr, Samuel Boyce, John Page, Stephen A. Chase, and Nathan Breed of Lynn, are appointed to attend said Meeting as Representatives —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs at this time, that the Preparative Meeting of Unity is discontinued, and the members thereof annexed to that of Henniker —

A communication from a Committee of Weare Monthly Meeting is read at this time, requesting that a committee be appointed to advise with them in relation to proposing Friends for the Station of elders; Whereupon we appoint our Friends Nathan Breed of Lynn, Stephen A Chase, Moses Huntington jr, & Edward Gove, to unite with a committee of women Friends in considering the subject, pursuant to our discipline; and they are requested to report to this meeting, when the service is accomplished —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting —

An account from this meeting, to our next Yearly Meeting, being read and approved, the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn, at the usual time in the Eighth month next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

Summary Answers.

Ans. 1. Our Meetings for worship and discipline have all been attended, those on First-days generally by most of our members — Meetings for discipline not so fully attended; Our Midweek Meetings continue to be neglected by many of our members — The hour is nearly observed — Unbecoming behaviour mostly guarded against, except a few instances of Sleeping — Some care taken in the above named deficiencies —

Ans. 2 — Love and unity are in good measure maintained; yet not so fully in a few instances as queried after, and detraction is mostly guarded — We know of no differences amongst us —

Ans. 3 — We believe there is a care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness to restrain them from pernicious reading, and from corrupt Conversation, & to be exemplary herein themselves; yet we are sensible of weakness and falling short in these respects — The Holy Scriptures are read in Friends Families, yet we fear not so frequently by a few, as our religious profession requires —

Ans. 4th — We believe the use of Spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes, with very few exceptions — And some care has been extended — The unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort is mostly avoided — Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to —

Ans 5th — Care has been taken in these respects, except one or two instances of placing children out from amongst Friends —

Ans. 6th — We believe that Friends are mostly careful in relation to proceedings, with respect to marriage —

Yet there are three cases of marrying out, and some care taken —

Ans. 7th — Our testimony in the several particulars of this Query, appears to be maintained —

Ans. 8th — We believe that Friends are generally careful in the several particulars of this Query —

Ans. 9th — Marriages have all been recorded — One instance of a death & burial, & a few instances of births not recorded — Two or three removals without Certificates —

Ans. 10th — Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in good measure as queried after — Yet we are sensible of weakness & some delay in the discharge of this duty — Judgment has been placed we believe according to discipline

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn 16th of 8 mo 1855 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, David Osborne, George Nichols, Enoch Page, Micajah C. Pratt, John C. Gove, & Stephen A. Chase,

For Seabrook, William Rogers Jr, Daniel Beede, and Moses Huntington Jr —

For Weare, Ephraim Leighton, Moses Sawyer, John Page, & Samuel Osborne who are all present —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk, & John Page for assistant; which being approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers thereto, from our several Monthly Meetings —

The Committee to advise with a Committee of Weare Monthly Meeting, in regard to proposing Friends for the station of elders, inform that they have given attention to their appointment, & have bestowed such advice as way opened for —

We have received at this time copies of the London printed Epistle for the year 1854, which the clerk is directed to forward to our Monthly Meetings —

We have also received at this time from our Yearly Meeting copies of the report of our Boarding School Committee, one of which has been read; and the clerk is directed to see that our Monthly Meetings are furnished with copies thereof —

The clerk informs that he has received about 500 copies of the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting, which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

The following minute was at this time received from our last Yearly Meeting viz —

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England held on Rhode-Island in the sixth month, 1855 —

It is concluded to raise fifteen hundred dollars for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which the Quarterly Meetings are, requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer —

The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is two hundred & Eighty Five Dollars (285 – 19 per cent) —

From the minutes of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey – Clerk"

And our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of the sum to be raised to Micajah C. Pratt Treasurer of this meeting —

Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion 50 p.ct is	142,50
Seabrook's proportion 20 p.ct. is — —	57,00
Weare's proportion — 30 p.cts. is — —	85,50
	285,00

A communication from a committee of Seabrook monthly meeting, is received at this time, requesting that a committee be appointed to advise with them, in relation to proposing a Friend for the Station of an elder — Whereupon we appoint our Friends John Page, Stephen A. Chase, Ephraim Leighton & Enoch Page, to unite with a committee from the women's meeting, in considering the subject pursuant to our discipline —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs, that John F. Chase has appealed from the judgment of that meeting in disowning him from membership, & that they have appointed a committee to represent that meeting in the case; Whereupon we appoint Stephen A. Chase, Jonathan Beede, Enoch Page, Micajah C. Pratt, William Rogers Jr & Daniel Beede, to hear the appellant & the committee of Weare Monthly meeting, and report their judgment thereon, at our next Quarterly Meeting —

Our beloved friend Benjamin W. Jones spread before this meeting in a weighty manner, a concern which has for some years rested on his mind, & increasingly so of late to make a religious visit to Friends & others, within the limits of the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, & some parts of Baltimore, as set forth in a certificate of Salem Monthly Meeting which has been read; After a time of solid consideration his concern was united with by this meeting, and he left at liberty & encouraged to attend thereto as truth may open the way, he being a minister in unity with us; And the clerk was directed to make an endorsement of this minute on his certificate and sign it on our behalf—

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Jared Patterson, Isaac Fry, Joseph Griffith, & Luke Thomas, were read and approved; & the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting—

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended—

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo. next—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, 13th of 10 mo — 1855—

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Estes Newhall, Micajah C. Pratt, Solomon Varney, John Buxton Jr, Enoch Page, & Nathan Breed—

For Seabrook, David Chellis, Daniel Beede, and William B. Thompson—

For Weare, Herrod Chase, Nathaniel Chase, Samuel Osborne, & Nathan Sawyer of Henniker; who are all present but two, one of whom was prevented from attending by ill health—

Our beloved friend James Jones attended this meeting & produced a minute of concurrence from China Monthly Meeting held in the 7 mo. last, expressive of their unity with him, in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us; his company and religious services have been acceptable—

We have also with us at this time our beloved friends Eunice Day from Windham Monthly Meeting, & Abagail E. Beede, from Sandwich Monthly Meeting. N. H. who have produced minutes from those meetings respectively, expressive of the Concurrence of their friends with them in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us— Their company and religious Services have been acceptable—

Our esteemed friend George P. Day also attended this meeting and produced a minute from Windham Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of accompanying his wife Eunice Day in her religious visit amongst us— His company has been acceptable—

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings—

The committee to advise with a committee of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, respecting the appointment of a person to the Station of an elder, inform they have given some attention thereto, & they apprehend that further attention may be necessary— They are therefore continued, & are desired to report at our next Quarterly Meeting—

The committee upon the appeal of John F. Chase from the judgment of Weare Monthly Meeting, presented the following report— Viz—

"To the Quarterly Meeting at Weare, 10 mo. 18th. 1855—

We your committee appointed to consider the appeal of John F. Chase, from the judgment of Weare Monthly Meeting disowning him as a member of our Society, Report—

That after due notice to the parties, we have met the appellant, & the committee appointed by Weare Monthly Meeting to represent the case; we have examined the copy of the doings of the Monthly Meeting, produced by said committee, and have fully heard the appellant and said committee—

And having maturely considered the case, we are united in the conclusion, that the judgment of the Monthly Meeting ought to be reversed, for the reason that the proceedings were wanting in regularity, in that the report of the committee appointed to visit the appellant, embraces matters of complaint against him, not contained in the original Complaint upon which the proceedings were founded; which we submit to the Quarterly Meeting —

William Rogers Jr
Enoch Page
Stephen A Chase
Micajah C Pratt
Jonathan Beede
Daniel Beede"

Which after consideration is accepted; and the judgment of Weare Monthly Meeting is therefore reversed — And the clerk is directed to furnish Weare Monthly Meeting with a copy of the Report, & also a copy of this minute — And the committee are continued to give the appellant the information —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs, that they are united in the appointment of Hannah Page, & Sabina A. Page, to the Station of elders; which after a time of solid consideration, was united with by this, & the Women's Quarterly Meeting, & they are accordingly appointed to that Station — And the clerk is directed to give the necessary information

A returning minute on behalf of Abagail C. Beede was read and approved, & the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem, at the usual time in the 1 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Salem 17th of 1mo. 1856 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem Micajah C. Pratt, Philip Chase, Jonathan Buxton Jr, Isaac Bassett, Estes Newhall, & David Osborne —

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington Jr, Newell Ordway, Daniel Beede, & Edward Gove —

For Weare, Joseph Hoag, Joshua Page, and Abijah Johnson; who are all present but one; For whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned —

Our beloved friends David Dudley from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, and Joseph H. Pratt from Unity Monthly meeting are at this time with us, & have produced minutes from those meetings respectively, expressive of the unity of their friends with them in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed friends Joseph Taylor from Sydney Monthly meeting, companion to David Dudley, & Joseph Taber, from Unity Monthly meeting, companion to Joseph H. Pratt, are also with us, & have produced minutes of concurrence from those monthly meetings, which have been read — Their company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our monthly meetings —

The committee to advise with a committee of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, respecting the appointment of some person to the station of an elder, not having completed the service are continued —

The committee to inform John F. Chase of the conclusion of this meeting in the case of his appeal, report that the service has been performed —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends James Jones, & Eunice Day, & George P. Day companion to Eunice Day, have been read and approved; and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

Our beloved friend Benjamin H. Jones, at this time returned the minute granted him at our Quarterly Meeting in the 8 mo. last, & informed the meeting that he had been enabled to accomplish the visit he had in view to the peace, and relief of his mind — And that he had attended most of the meetings, constituting North-Carolina Yearly Meeting — He has produced returning minutes from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, from New Garden, & Lost Creek Quarterly Meeting, and from Divers Monthly Meetings, all expressive of satisfaction with his company and gospel labours among them —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Amesbury at the usual time in the 5 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 22d of 5 mo. 1856 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Estes Newhall, Stephen A. Chase, Goold Brown, John Newhall, Moses F. Rogers, Nathan Breed, and Solomon Varny

For Seabrook, Daniel Beede, James Squires, Newell Ordway & Moses Huntington Jr —

For Weare, Samuel Osborne, Moses Sawyer, Ephraim Leighton, and David Gove; who are all present —

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6 mo. next; and Estes Newhall, Josiah D. Challis, Stephen A. Chase, Enoch Page, Abijah Johnson, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Samuel Boyce, Thomas Folsom, Moses F. Rogers and Newell Ordway, are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives —

The committee to advise with a committee of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, respecting the appointment of some person to the Station of an elder, report, that they have accomplished the service for which they were appointed; they are therefore released from further attention thereto —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting has at this time proposed, that their Monthly Meeting held heretofore at Pittsfield, in the 10 mo. be held in future at Epping; that the one held at Seabrook in the 12 mo. be held at Amesbury, & that the one held at Amesbury in the 11 mo. be held at Seabrook; all to be held at the same time in the month as heretofore — Which after a time of consideration is united with by this, & the Women's Quarterly Meeting, & the proposed changes are accordingly made — And the clerk is directed to furnish Seabrook Monthly Meeting, with a copy of this minute —

A communication from a Committee of Salem Monthly Meeting, was received at this time, requesting that this meeting would appoint a committee to unite with them, in considering of some Friend or Friends for the station of elder —

Whereupon we appoint our friends Moses Huntington Jr., Edward Gove, Thomas W. Thorndike, Ephraim Leighton, and Moses Sawyer, to unite with a committee from the Womens meeting in considering the subject, and they are requested to report at our next Quarterly Meeting —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of that meeting —

Returning minutes on behalf of David Dudley & Joseph H Pratt, who attended our last Quarterly Meeting, & on behalf of Joseph Taylor, & Joseph Taber, who accompanied them, have been read & approved; and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the 8 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

Summary Answers.

Ans. 1 – All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except in seven instances – These omissions were occasioned by inclemency of the weather and bad travelling – Our meetings on First-days have been attended by most of our members – Those for discipline not so fully attended – Other midweek meetings continue to be neglected by many – The hour is nearly observed by most friends – Friends are preserved from Sleeping in Meetings, with a few exceptions – Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour –

Ans. 2 – Love and unity, we believe are in good measure maintained amongst us – a few exceptions are noted in one Monthly Meeting – Detraction is mostly guarded against – No differences are known to exist –

Ans. 3 – We believe there is a care to bring up those under Friends direction, in plainness as queried after, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and from corrupt Conversation, and to be exemplary herein themselves; Yet we believe that more religious concern in these respects would be profitable both to parents & children – The Holy Scriptures are we trust, frequently read in Friends families –

Ans. 4th – The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes, except in two instances; and the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns, and places of public resort, is mostly avoided – Moderation & temperance are observed, on the occasions referred to –

Ans. 5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and care has been taken to educate their children; and none appear to be placed out from among friends –

Ans. 6th We believe friends are mostly careful as to proceedings with respect to marriage, except a few cases of keeping company on that account with persons not in membership with us, and some care taken —

Ans. 7th — We know of no violation of our testimonies in these respects —

Ans. 8th — Most friends are careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts — No cause of complaint appears, in the other parts of this query —

Ans. 9th — Care is taken as to recording — One monthly meeting reports generally carefully respecting records — A few removals without certificates —

Ans. 10th — Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust in good measure as queried after; Yet we are sensible of weakness, and some delay in the discharge of this duty — Judgment has we believe been placed according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 21st of 8 mo — 1856 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the Representatives therein named are — For Salem David Rodman, William Chase, David Ellis, Jonathan Buxton Junr, Nathan Breed, Benjamin Scribner, and Aaron L. Holder —

For Seabrook, Newell Ordway, Thomas Folsom, Edward Gove, & Robert L. Brown —

For Weare, Joseph Hoag, Herrod Chase, Samuel Osborne, and Nathan Sawyer; who are all present but one —

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk; which being approved he is accordingly appointed to that service for one year; the Representatives have also proposed John Page for assistant clerk; but he, being prevented from being present at this time by bodily indisposition, his appointment to that service is deferred until our next Quarterly Meeting —

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford, attended this meeting, and produced a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. expressive of their unity with him, in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us — His company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed friend Jabez Wood, companion to Lemuel Gifford, also attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly meeting which has been read; his company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several monthly meetings —

The committee to advice with a committee of Salem Monthly Meeting respecting the appointment of some friend or friends to the station of elder, inform they have attended to their appointment, & have accomplished the service required of them — They are therefore released from further attention thereto —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs, that, that meeting is united in the appointment of Daniel Beede to the station of an elder; which after a time of solid consideration was united with by this, and the women's Quarterly meeting; and he is accordingly appointed to that station — and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting, containing the report of our Boarding School Committee, and advice to subordinate meetings relative to the answering of the Queries, and an article of discipline respecting the manner of making additions to our select meetings, have been recd and read; and the clerk informs that copies thereof have been forwarded to our monthly meetings —

The Extracts are as follows — Viz —

" Yearly Meeting — 1856 —

In answering the Queries, our Subordinate meetings are desired carefully to regard the advice heretofore given to be full and explicit, and the Quarterly Meetings are requested in their annual answers for this meeting to embrace not only the information received from the monthly meetings at the Quarter preceeding the Yearly Meeting, but also a definite statement as to the maintainance of our meetings during the year; and that they take care to preserve the answers received at the three previous Quarters for this purpose —

The Quarterly Meetings are requested annually to communicate to this meeting the names of all Ministers and Elders who have deceased during the year with the time of their decease, and ages, as far as practicable" —

"It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer.

The quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting, is two hundred and twenty eight Dollars — (19 per ct.)" —

From the minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey
Clerk"

And our monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of the sum to be raised, to Micajah C. Pratt Treasurer of this meeting —

	$ ct
Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion 50 pct is —	114.00
Seabrook's proportion 20 p ct. — is —	45.60
Weare's proportion — 30 p ct — is —	68.40
	$ 228.00

The Clerk informs, that copies of the printed minutes have been received, which have been forwarded to our monthly meetings

Copies of the London printed Epistle for the year 1855, have likewise been received, one of which has been read, to our comfort and encouragement, and the clerk is directed to forward them to our monthly meetings —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Lemuel Gifford, and Jabez Wood have been read & approved; and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo next — Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 16th of 10 mo. 1856 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem Nathan Breed, Daniel Osborne, Micajah C. Pratt, Moses F. Rogers, Estes Newhall, Enoch Page, and John C. Gove —

For Seabrook Josiah D. Challis, Jacob Peaslee, and Daniel Beede —

For Weare, David Gove, Joseph Hoag, Samuel Osborn, and Nathan Breed, who are all present —

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting having at that time proposed John Page for assistant clerk, and he being prevented by sickness from being at that meeting the proposition is at this time approved; and he is accordingly appointed to that service until the 8 mo. next year —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers thereto, from our several Monthly Meetings —

Salem Monthly Meeting informs, that they are united in proposing, that Olivia C. Oliver be appointed to the station of an elder; which claiming the solid consideration of this Meeting was united with, and she accordingly appointed to that station, the women's meeting concurring herein; and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

Our beloved Friends Ann Kenworthy, from White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana, Martha Meader from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, N. H.; and Sibil Jones from China Monthly Meeting Maine, are at this time with us, & have produced testimonials from those Monthly Meetings, expressive of the unity of their friends with them in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our Esteemed friend William Kenworthy husband & companion to Ann Kenworthy attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from White Water Monthly Meeting which has been read, informing that he is an elder in unity — His company has been acceptable —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Ann Kenworthy, Martha Meader, Sibil Jones, & William Kenworthy, have been read & approved; and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1mo next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem, 15th of 1mo 1857 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives, therein named are —

For Salem, John Henry Crossman, Solomon Varney, Moses F. Rogers, George Nichols, Micajah C. Pratt, Estes Newhall, and Philip Chase, —

For Seabrook, Josiah D. Challis, Moses Huntington Junr, & Thomas Folsom —

For Weare, John Page, and David Gove, who are all present —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

Our beloved friend Amelia C. Darlington from Iowa attended this meeting, and produced a certificate from Red Cedar Monthly Meeting, held in Cedar County, expressive of the unity of her friends with her, in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us;

Her company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed friend Brinton Darlington, husband and companion to Amelia C. Darlington also attended this meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Red Cedar monthly meeting, which has been read, informing that he is an elder in unity with them — His company has been acceptable to us —

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Amelia C. & Brinton Darlington, have been read & approved; and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Amesbury, at the usual time in the 5 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury, 28th of 5 mo. 1857 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, Nathan Breed, Daniel Osborne Joseph S. Nichols, Joseph D. Newhall, John Newhall, & William Chase,

For Seabrook, Jonathan Beede, Thomas Folsom, Newell Ordway, and David Sawyer —

For Weare, John Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, and Ephraim Huntington; who are all present but two; for the absence of one of whom, satisfactory reasons are assigned —

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyd Tobey attended this Meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us; his company and religious services have been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several monthly meetings; from which a summary is prepared for the yearly meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6 mo. next; and Samuel Boyce, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington Junr, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Josiah G. Challis, John Page, Edward L. Gove, and Solomon Varney, are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives —

Salem Monthly Meeting has informed of the decease of Estes Newhall, a member of that Meeting in the Station of an elder, who departed this life on the 28th of 2 mo. 1857 — aged 86 years, 5 mos, and 19 days — And Weare Monthly Meeting has informed of the decease of Cornelia Page, an elder of that meeting, who died on the 31st of 8 mo. 1856, aged 82 years, 6 mos, & 13 days —

A testimony from Salem Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Estes Newhall has been read and approved; and the clerk is directed to forward the same to our meeting for Sufferings, & to make an endorsement thereon of this minute, & sign it on our behalf —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting —

Salem Monthly Meeting informs, that, that meeting is united in proposing that Eliza R. Boyce be appointed to the Station of an elder; which after a time of solid consideration is united with by this, and the Womens Quarterly Meeting; and She is accordingly appointed to that station; and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

A returning minute on behalf of our beloved friend Samuel Boyd Tobey, has been read and approved; and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the 8 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

Summary Answers –

Ans. 1st – All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except three small ones, two of which were omitted on account of the inclement weather, and the other in consequence of a funeral – Those on First-days have been attended by nearly all of our members – Meetings for discipline not so fully attended – Other midweek Meetings continue to be neglected by many – The hour is nearly observed by most, while a few are deficient herein; Unbecoming behaviour is mostly avoided, except a few appearances of sleeping – Some care taken in the above named deficiencies –

Ans. 2 – We believe there is a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst us, yet a few exceptions are reported from one preparative meeting; Detraction is mostly guarded against; But more care herein is necessary – When differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them –

Ans. 3 – We believe there is a care with most of our members, to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves – yet there is a falling short with some in these respects – We believe the Holy scriptures are frequently read in Friends families –

Ans. 4th – The use of spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes, as far as we know with two or three exceptions reported from one Preparative meeting – The unneccessary frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort, is avoided by nearly all of our members – moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions refered to –

Ans. 5th – The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and their children have partaken of learning to fit them for business – We know of none who are placed out from among Friends –

Ans. 6th We believe Friends are *mostly* careful in their proceedings in respect to marriage —

Ans. 7th — Our testimonies appear to be maintained in the several particulars of this Query —

Ans. 8th — Careful, as far as appears, in the several parts of this query, except in two instances, in which some care has been taken —

Ans. 9th — Care is taken with respect to records; a few removals without certificates —

Ans. 10th — Care has been taken to deal with offenders in good measure as queried after; yet we are sensible of weakness and some delay in the discharge of this duty —

Judgment has been placed, as we believe according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn 20th of 3mo. 1857 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Enoch Page, David Rodman, Benjamin Scribner, William O. Newhall, Daniel Osborn, and Nathan Breed —

For Seabrook, Newell Ordway, Moses Huntington Jr. & Daniel Beede

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Ephraim Leighton, John Page, & Daniel Gove; who are all present —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk, & John Page for assistant; which being approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

Our beloved Friends Daniel Wood from Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio; and Moses H. Beede from Providence Monthly Meeting, are at this time with us, and have produced certificates from those Meetings, respectively, which have been read, expressive of the unity of their Friends with them in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us, their company and religious services have been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several monthly meetings —

We are informed that the Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting all attended —

Our beloved friend Priscilla Greene from England, attended this meeting, and produced Certificates from Thaxted Monthly Meeting, and Essex Quarterly Meeting; and one from London Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, all expressive of their unity and sympathy with her, in her prospect of a religious visit in this land — Her company and religious services have been acceptable & edifying to us —

Our beloved friend Mary Nicholson also from England attended this meeting, as companion and fellow labourer to Priscilla Greene; She has produced Certificates from Pardshaw Monthly Meeting, & Cumberland Quarterly Meeting and one from the morning meeting of ministers and elders, all expressive of their unity with her, in her prospect of a religious visit in this Land — Her Company and religious services have been acceptable to us —

Our beloved friends Elizabeth Gifford from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass, & Lydia B. Coe from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, are at this time with us, and have produced Certificates from those Monthly Meetings expressive of the unity of their friends with them, in their prospects of religious visits amongst us — Their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Mercy K. Wing also attended this meeting, as companion to Elizabeth Gifford, and produced a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. informing that she is minister in unity, & Expressive of their concurrence with her, in her prospect of accompanying Elizabeth Gifford in her contemplated visit — Her company has been acceptable to us —

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wood, companion & wife to Daniel Wood, attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Alum Creek Monthly

Meeting informing that she is an elder in unity;

Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable & satisfactory to us —

We have received at this time about 500 copies of the London Printed Epistle, for last year, one of which has been read to our encouragement; & we forward them to our Monthly Meetings —

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, containing the Report of our Boarding School Committee, are at this time received, which have been read; and the following Extracts are taken therefrom. viz —

"Yearly Meeting. 1857

On reading the Records of this Meeting for last year, our attention was turned to a portion of the discipline adopted last year as to the manner of making additions to our meetings of ministers and elders; and it was agreed as the understanding, and decision of this meeting, that after such appointment by a monthly Meeting has been confirmed by the Quarterly Meeting, that such friend, whether Minister or elder, may then sit in all our select Meetings, without waiting for the information to have been first communicated to those Meetings by the Quarterly Meeting — and the Clerk is directed to transmit this Minute to our Subordinate Meetings —

From the Minutes of the Meeting —

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

And the clerk informs that copies thereof have been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings —

The clerk informs that a portion of the printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received which he has forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

The following Extract from the Minutes of our Last Yearly Meeting has also been received, viz —

"Yearly Meeting. 1857 —

It is concluded to raise One Thousand Dollars, for the use of this meeting the present year, which our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward, to David Buffum our

Treasurer — The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is one hundred & Ninety Dollars. (19pr ct)

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clk"

And our monthly meetings are requested to forward their proportions of said sum to Micajah C. Pratt Treasurer of this Meeting —

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Salem's proportion 50pr ct is —	95,00
Seabrook's proportion 20pr ct is —	38,00
Weare's proportion 30pr ct is —	57,00
	$ 190,00

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Daniel Wood, Lydia R. Coe, Elizabeth Gifford, Elizabeth Wood, and Mercy H. Wing, have been prepared and read; and being approved the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the tenth month —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Weare 15th of 10mo 1857 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem Solomon Varney, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, William O. Newhall, & Nathan Breed —

For Seabrook, Newell Ordway, Josiah D. Challis, and Moses Huntington Jr —

For Weare, Herod Chase, Joseph Hoag, Nathan Breed, Lindley H. Osborne, and Daniel Hussey; who are all present but one; for whose absence satisfactory reasons are assigned —

Our beloved friend Moses H Beede who was present at our last Quarterly meeting with a minute, & who was then prevented from completing his visit by bodily indisposition is now with us, & his certificate has again been read. Our beloved friend Daniel Page from Litchfield monthly meeting is also with us, who has produced a certificate of concurrence from said monthly meeting which has been read — Their company and religious services have been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Moses H. Beede, & Daniel Page were prepared and read; and being approved, the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem, at the usual time in the 1 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, the 21st of 1 mo. 1858 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the Representatives therein named are; For Salem Ezra B. Johnson, Solomon Varney, Daniel Osborne, Joseph P. Newhall, George Nichols, & David Rodman —

For Seabrook, Daniel Beede, David Sawyer, and Moses Huntington Jr.

For Weare, Ephraim Leighton, John Page, and Daniel Hussey; who are all present but one, who is prevented from being in attendance by poor health —

Our beloved friend John Cartland attended this meeting, and produced a minute from Limington Monthly Meeting held in the 12 mo. expressive of the unity of his friends with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us —

His company and religious services have been acceptable

Our beloved friend Abram Winslow attended this meeting as companion to John Cartland, and produced a minute of concurrence from Limington Monthly Meeting, informing that he is an elder in unity — His company has been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends John Cartland and Abram Winslow, have been prepared and read; and being approved, the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Amesbury in the 5 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce, Clk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury, 27th of 5 mo. 1850 —

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Solomon Varney, John Newhall, Nathan Breed, Micajah C. Pratt, & Daniel Osborne —

For Seabrook, Joseph S. Nichols, Edward Gove, Robert L. Brown, and Moses Huntington Jr —

For Weare, Moses Sawyer, John Page, and Samuel Osborne — Who being called are all present —

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford attended this meeting, and produced a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass. expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us; his company and religious services have been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time, and answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6 month next — and Thomas Folsom, Moses Huntington Jr, John Huntington, Nathan Breed, Solomon Varney, Moses F. Rogers, Micajah C. Pratt, John Page, & Stephen A Chase, are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of that Meeting —

A Report to our next Yearly Meeting has been prepared and read; and being satisfactory, the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting —

A returning minute on behalf of our friend Samuel Gifford was prepared and read; & the Clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we Conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn at the usual time in the 8mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk —

Summary Answers

Ans. 1. All our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline, have been duly attended, except two of our small ones, which have been omitted in a few instances. Those on first-days are attended generally by most of our members — Meetings for discipline not so fully attended. Other midweek Meetings continue to be neglected by many of our members. And a few have wholly left the attendance of them — the hour is nearly observed by most friends — A few appearances of sleeping — Of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear —

Ans. 2 — Love and unity, are we believe in good measure maintained amongst us; Yet there are a few exceptions in one small meeting. Detraction is mostly guarded against — Endeavours have been used to end differences —

Ans — 3. We believe there is a care with most of our members, to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation; and to be good examples therein themselves. Yet more religious engagement in these respects, would be profitable — We believe the

Holy Scriptures are read in our families, and frequently in most of them –

Ans. 4th. The use of Spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes, as far as appears with five exceptions – The unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort, is mostly avoided – Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to –

Ans. 5th – Due care appears to have been taken in the several parts of this Query –

Ans. 6th. We believe friends are mostly careful in their proceedings with respect to marriage –

Ans. 7th – Our testimonies in these respects appear to be maintained, except in one instance where one of our members, has violated our testimony in regard to war; and has also contributed to the support of a hireling ministry – On which account care has been taken –

Ans. 8th. Friends, generally careful in the several parts of this query, with two exceptions which are under notice –

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Ans. 10th – Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust in good measure agreeable to this query – Judgment has we believe been placed according to discipline

+ Ans. 9th. Care has been taken in regard to records – A few removals without certificates –

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 19th of 8 mo 1858 —

By accounts rec'd from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, William Chase, David Rodman, Enoch Page, Nathan Breed, Peter M. Neal, & William S. Boyce —

For Seabrook, William Rogers Jr, Moses Huntington Jr, Daniel Beede, & Sewell Ordway —

For Weare, Thomas W Thorndike, Ephraim Leighton, John Page, & Nathan Sawyer — Who are all present but one —

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for Clerk, & John Page for assistant; which being approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

Our beloved friends Olney Thompson from Bloomington Monthly Meeting Iowa, & John Meader from Providence Monthly Meeting, R. I. attended this meeting, and produced Certificates from those Monthly Meetings, which have been read, expressive of the unity of their friends with them in their prospects of religious visits amongst us — their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Lydia Thompson, wife & companion to Olney Thompson also attended this meeting and presented a minute of concurrence from Bloomington monthly meeting, informing that she is an elder in unity — Her company has been acceptable to us —

Our beloved friend Deborah C. Hinsdale also attended this meeting, and produced a minute from NewYork Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Her company and religious services have been acceptable —

A minute of concurrence from NewYork Monthly Meeting, on behalf of our beloved friend Maria Willets companion to Deborah C Hinsdale has at this time been produced & read, informing that she is an elder in unity; and the meeting is informed that she is prevented by illness, from being present at this time —

The Queries have been read with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

We have received at this time about 500 copies of the London printed Epistle, for the year 1857 sent to us by our Yearly Meeting; and one of them has been read to our encouragement — and the clerk is directed to forward them to our Monthly Meetings —

We have recd at this time from our last Yearly Meeting copies of the Report of our Boarding school Committee, for the present year; one of which has been read; and the clerk informs that copies thereof have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings

The following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, was also received — viz —

"Yearly Meeting. 1858 —

It is concluded to raise twelve Hundred Dollars for the use of this meeting the present year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer —

The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is Two Hundred and Twenty eight Dollars — (228 Dolls - 19 pct) —

From the minutes of the meeting —
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clk"

And our monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of the sum to be raised by this meeting, to Micajah C. Pratt. Treasurer of our Quarterly Meeting —

Salem's proportion 50 pct is —	114.00
Seabrook's proportion 20 pct is	45.60
Weare's proportion 30 pct is —	68.40
	228.00

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Deborah C. Hinsdale, and Olney Thompson have been prepared and read, and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting — And the clerk is directed to furnish our friend John Meader with one of a similar tenor —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Maria Willets and Lydia Thompson, have also been prepared and read; & the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

Our beloved Friend John Page in a weighty manner opened in this meeting, a prospect which has for several months rested upon his mind, of visiting the meetings of Friends in the Western and northern parts of Newyork Yearly Meeting, and of appointing some meetings as set forth in a certificate granted him by Weare Monthly Meeting, which has been read; and after a time of solid consideration, his prospect was united with by this meeting, & he encouraged to pursue it, as truth may open the way — He being a minister in unity with us — And the clerk is directed to endorse the foregoing minute on his certificate, and sign it on behalf of this meeting —

The clerk informs that he has received copies of ~~the minutes of~~ the printed minutes of our last Yearly meeting which have been forwarded to our Monthly meetings —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare the 21st of 10 mo. 1858 —

By accounts recd. from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Moses F. Rogers, Jonathan Buxton, & Micajah C. Pratt —

For Seabrook, Josiah D. Challis, Thomas Folsom, & Sewell Ordway —

For Weare, Herod Chase, Israel Hoag, Nathan Breed, David Gove, & John Thorndike; who are all present —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

This meeting being informed, that in carrying out the plan adopted by our Yearly Meeting, for equalizing the travelling expenses of Friends attending our Yearly Meeting, it has been necessary that a sum of about 200 Dolls should be raised in our Quarterly Meeting, and that this sum has been advanced for that purpose, we appoint our friends Thomas Folsom, Josiah D. Challis, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Israel Hoag, Stephen A. Chase, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, and Micajah C. Pratt, to take the subject into consideration, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting, in what manner said sum may be provided for, in order that the money advanced may be refunded —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem in the 1 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Samuel Boyce clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 21st of 1 mo. 1859 —

By accounts rec'd from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are; for Salem Micajah C. Pratt, Samuel Neall, Enoch Page, Squires Gove, & Charles F. Coffin —

For Seabrook, Josiah D. Challis, Robert L. Brown, & Edward L. Gove —

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker & Ephraim Leighton —

Our beloved friend Joseph H. Pratt attended this meeting and produced a minute from Unity Monthly Meeting held in the 11 mo. last, expressive of their concurrence with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us — His company and religious services have been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings—

The committee to consider in what way it would be admissible to raise the money advanced for the purpose of equalizing the travelling expenses of Friends who may attend our Yearly Meeting at this time report, that the funds needed have been raised by subscription— The committee are therefore released from further attention to the subject—

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Amesbury at the usual time in the 5 mo. next—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury the 26th of 5 mo 1859—

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are; For Salem John Newhall, William Chase, Nathan Breed, Micajah C. Pratt, & Daniel Osborne—

For Seabrook, Jonathan Beede, Moses Huntington Jr, Thomas Folsom, Newell Ordway, and William Rogers Jr—

For Weare, Thomas W. Thorndike, Abijah Johnson, and Lewis Breed who being called are all present but one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned—

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from our monthly meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the Sixth month next; And Moses Huntington Jr, Samuel Boyce, Thomas W. Thorndike, Micajah C Pratt, Josiah D. Challis & Moses F. Rogers, are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives—

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly meeting Stock, to the treasurer of that Meeting—

A report from this meeting, to our Yearly meeting, has been prepared and read; and being approved the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting—

The business, being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn at the usual time in the 8mo. next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

Summary Answers.

Ans. 1st — Our meetings for worship and discipline have all been attended, with a few exceptions in one small meeting which being remote, we apprehend, has not always been sustained, & one other small meeting, which has been in one instance omitted; Those on First-days generally by most of our members — Meetings for discipline not so fully attended Other midweek meetings are neglected by many of our members — The hour is nearly observed by most Friends — Unbecoming behaviour mostly guarded against, except a few instances of sleeping — Some care taken in the above deficiencies —

Ans. 2d — We believe that love and unity are in good measure maintained amongst us, yet a few exceptions are noticed in our account; detraction mostly guarded against — When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them —

Ans. 3d We believe there is a care with Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation; yet we are sensible of falling short, in the discharge of these duties — Friends are in a good measure exemplary in these respects, & the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families —

Ans 4th — The use of Spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes, as far as appears, with one exception, in which care has been taken — The unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort is mostly avoided — Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions refered to —

Ans 5th The necessary care has been taken in these respects —

Ans, 6th Mostly careful in proceedings with respect to marriage, except one case of keeping company on that account with one not a member of our Society, & two marriages which were not in accordance with our discipline

Ans 7th We believe our testimonies are maintained in the several particulars of this Query, except one member who has contributed towards the support of a hireling ministry —

Ans 8th We believe friends are generally carefull in the several parts of this Query —

Ans 9th Care is taken in regard to records; A few cases of removals without certificates, one family of which is from the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and some care taken —

Ans, 10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in good measure agreeable to this Query; yet we are sensible of weakness, and some neglect in the discharge of this duty — Judgment has we believe been placed according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 18th of 8 mo — 1859 —

By accounts recd from our several Quarterly Meetings the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, David Rodman, William Chase, James Oliver, Benajah Purinton, & Solomon Varney —

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington Jr, David Sawyer, Daniel Beede, & Robert L. Brown —

For Weare, John Piesley, John Page, & Nathan Breed; who are present but two; one of whom is prevented from being here by bodily indisposition —

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk, and John Page for assistant which being approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

Our beloved friend Thomas Frasier attended this meeting, and produced a minute of Concurrence from Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity & concurrence with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us; His company & religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford attended this meeting & produced a minute of Concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass. expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us; His company and religious services have been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the requir answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

We have received at this time, about 600 copies of the London Printed Epistle, for last year, one of which has been read to our satisfaction; And the clerk is directed to forward them to our monthly meetings —

The annual report of our Boarding School committee, has at this time been recd; and the clerk informs that copies thereof have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

The following extract from the minutes of our last

Yearly Meeting is at this time received. viz —

"Yearly Meeting Sixth month. 1859 —

It is concluded to raise twelve hundred Dollars for the use of this meeting the ensuing year which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum, our Treasurer — The quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is two hundred & twenty eight Dollars — (19 per ct) —

From the minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey. Clerk"

And it appearing that this meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, is 228 Dollars our monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said sum to Micajah C Pratt Treasurer of this meeting —

Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion	50 p ct is —	114.00
Seabrooks proportion	20 p ct is —	45.60
Weare's proportion — —	30 p ct is —	68.40
		228,00

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting inform they all attended —

The clerk informs that about 500 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and forwarded to our monthly Meetings —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting proposes that the place of holding their monthly meeting which occurs in the 2 mo be changed from Pittsfield to Amesbury; which being approved by this meeting, and the womens meeting uniting therein, the change is accordingly made; and the clerk is directed to furnish that monthly meeting with an extract of this minute —

A Returning minute on behalf of our Friends Thomas Frasier has been prepared & read; & being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting — And the clerk is directed to furnish our friend Lemuel Gifford with one of a similar tenor —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo next — Signed on behalf of the meeting Samuel Boyce
Clk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Weare 20th of 10mo 1859 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, Nathan Breed, Enoch Page, Daniel Osborne, John Newhall, & Benajah Purinton —

For Seabrook, Daniel Beede, Robert L. Brown, Josiah D. Challis, and Moses Huntington Jr —

For Weare, Israel Hoag, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, Nathan Sawyer, & John Breed — who being called are all present —

Our beloved friend Newell Hoxie attended this meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement; his company & religious Services have been acceptable to us —

Our beloved friend Mary J. Meader attended this meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Bloomington Monthly Meeting Iowa, expressive of their unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Her company and religious have been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several monthly meetings —

This meeting is informed, that since our last Quarterly Meeting, our Treasurer has advanced the sum of Forty Dollars to meet expenses incurred since that time; and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of said sum to Micajah C. Pratt our Treasurer —

Salem Monthly Meetings proportion 50 pct is = 20,00
Seabrook's " " " 20 pct is — 8.00
Weare's " " " 30 pct is — 12.00
$40.00

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends, Newell Hoxie & Mary J. Meader, have been prepared & read; and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude;

purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 1 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 19th of 1 mo. 1860 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, Samuel Neall, Solomon Varney, James Oliver, & William Chase —

For Seabrook Moses Huntington Jr, David Sawyer, and Daniel Beede —

For Weare, John Page, Richard Breed, Abijah Johnson, and Joseph Hoag; who are all present —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly meetings —

Our beloved friend John Page, at this time returned the minute granted him by this meeting in the 8 mo. 1858 — & informed the meeting, that he has been enabled to accomplish his visit to his own peace — He has produced returning minutes from Younge St. West Lake, Pelham, Saratoga, Le Ray, Scipio, Ferrisburg, & Farmington Quarterly meetings, and divers monthly meetings, all expressive of their unity with his company and services while among them; which have been read to our satisfaction —

Our beloved friend Eliza M. Farr attended this meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Litchfield Monthly Meeting held in the 10 mo. last, which has been read, expressive of their unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Her company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Noah Farr husband and companion to Eliza M. Farr also attended this meeting, and produced a minute from Litchfield monthly meeting informing that he is an elder in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with him, in his prospect of accompanying his wife in her visit amongst us — His company has been acceptable —

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Eliza M. and Noah Farr, have been prepared and read; & being approved, the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Amesbury, in the 5 mo next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Samuel Boyce Clk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Amesbury, 24th of 5 mo 1860 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Enoch Page, John Newhall, Nathan Breed, and William Chase —

For Seabrook, Newell Ordway, William Rogers Jr, Moses Huntington Jr, and Daniel Beede —

For Weare, Thomas W. Thorndike, Franklin T. Huntington, & John Page; who being called are all present but one —

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a Summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6 mo next; and Edward Gove, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, Daniel Beede, John Page, & Nathan Breed are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives —

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting —

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that Abagail Nichols an elder of that meeting departed this life on the 29th of 1 mo last, aged 76 years, & 17 days —

A Report from this meeting, to our next Yearly Meeting has been prepared & read; & being approved, the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf —

57 The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lyme, at the usual time in the 5 mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clk

Summary Answers

Ans. 1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except two for discipline, in one of our small preparative meetings, occasioned by the bodily infirmities of some of its members; and a few instances of meetings for worship in another small meeting, being attended only by females. Those on first-days have been attended generally by most of our members, while some are remiss in this important duty; Midweek meetings both for worship and discipline, continue to be neglected by many. The hour is nearly observed by most Friends. Mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour, except a few instances of sleeping.

Ans. 2d Love and unity, are we believe in a good degree maintained among us, and detraction is mostly guarded against. When differences have arisen, endeavours have been used to end them.

Ans. 3d We believe there is a concern with friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & from corrupt conversation; yet more religious engagement herein is needed. Most friends are exemplary herein in good measure themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans. 4th The use of spirituous liquors, is confined to medicinal purposes, as far as we know. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, mostly avoided, except in one instance. Moderation & temperance are observed on the occasions referred to.

Ans. 5th – Friends are careful in the several parts of this query –

Ans. 6th – Generally careful in these respects –

Ans. 7th – Our testimonies appear to be maintained in the several parts of this Query, except in the case of one member who has contributed towards the salary of a minister –

Ans. 8th – Friends are generally careful to conform to the requisitions of this Query –

Ans. 9th – Care has been taken in regard to records – A few removals without Certificates –

Ans. 10th – Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust, in good measure agreeable to this query – yet we are sensible of weakness and some delay in the discharge of this duty – Judgment has we believe been placed according to discipline –

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 16th of 8mo. 1860 –

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Benajah Purinton, Daniel Osborn, & Squires Gove –

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington Jr, Thomas Folsom, Daniel Beede, & David Sawyer –

For Weare, Nathan Sawyer, Abijah Johnson, and Joseph Hoag – Who being called are all present –

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for Clerk, & John Page for Assistant; which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year –

Our beloved Friend James Jones attended this meeting, & produced a minute of concurrence from China Monthly Meeting expressive of their concurrence with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us – His company and religious services have been acceptable –

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers, from our Several Monthly Meetings —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs, that David Dow an elder of that Meeting, departed this life, on the 26th of 5 mo 1860 aged 78 years, 4 mos, & 28 days —

We have received at this time from our Yearly Meeting about 550 copies of the London printed Epistle for last year; one of which has been read to our edification; and the clerk is directed to forward them to our Monthly Meetings —

The Report of our Boarding School committee has at this time been received, together with a minute of advice from our Yearly Meeting, both of which have been read; and we desire that the instructive counsel contained in said minute, may rest impressively upon our minds; and the Clerk is directed to see that our monthly meetings are furnished with copies thereof —

The following extract from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting was also received viz —

"Yearly Meeting sixth month 1860 —

It is concluded to raise twelve hundred Dollars for the use of this Meeting the current year, which our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer — The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is two hundred & twenty Eight Dollars — 19 per ct —

from the minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

And it appearing that this meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is 228 Dolls, our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their proportions of said sum to Micajah C. Pratt Treasurer of this meeting —

Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion 50 per ct is —	114,00
Seabrook's proportion 20 per ct is — —	45,60
Weare's proportion 30 per ct. is — —	68,40
	228,00

The clerk informs that he has received from the clerk of our Yearly Meeting, about 400 copies of the printed minutes of said Meeting; and he is directed to forward them to our Monthly Meetings —

A returning minute on behalf of our friend James Jones has been prepared & read; and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf; the minute being approved by this meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare, at the usual time in the 10 month next —

Signed by direction of the meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 18th of 10mo 1860 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are; —

For Salem, Nathan Breed, James Oliver, Enoch Page, Benajah Purinton, and Daniel Osborn —

For Seabrook; Thomas Folsom, Josiah D. Challis, Edward Gove, & Newell Ordway —

For Weare, Nathan Breed, Joseph Hoag, Moses Sawyer, and Nathan Sawyer, who being called are all present —

Our beloved friend Zenas Mead, companion to our dear friend Jonathan Devol who is now with us attended this Meeting, and presented a minute of concurrence from Morrow Monthly Meeting, which has been read; his company has been acceptable to us —

Our beloved friend Jonathan Devol's certificates, not having been read at this time, on account of their not being present, it is concluded that they be presented to our next Quarterly Meeting —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

We have received from our Meeting for Sufferings, a portion of the Memorials of deceased Friends, published since our last yearly meeting, which we forward to our Monthly Meetings —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time in Salem in the 5 mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting —

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 17th of 1 mo 1861 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —:

For Salem Micajah C. Pratt, Benjamin Fenbner, David Osborne, Jonathan Buxton, and David Rodman —

For Seabrook, Thomas Folsom, Newell Ordway, and Moses Huntington Jr —

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Richard Breed, and Nathan Sawyer of Henniker — who being called were all present —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our monthly meetings —

The Certificates of our beloved friend Jonathan Devol, who attended our last Quarterly Meeting, have at this time been presented and read; and the meeting is informed that his company and religious were acceptable — Information is also received, that he attended all the meetings constituting this Quarterly Meeting except one; and that he had several appointed meetings within our limits, & that his company and religious services were acceptable —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs, that in the 12 mo last, they discontinued Pittsfield Preparative Meeting, & the members thereof were attached to Epping Preparative Meeting —

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Jonathan Devol & Jonas Mead, have at this time been read; and the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, being approved by the Meeting –

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Amesbury, at the usual time in the 5 mo. next –

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce – Clk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury, 23rd of 5 mo. 1861 –

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are; For Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, Nathan Breed, William Chase, Daniel Osborne, John Newhall, & Joseph S. Newhall –

For Seabrook, John S. Folsom, Robert S. Brown, Josiah D. Challis, and Edward S. Gove –

For Weare, Joshua Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, and Moses Sawyer; who being called are all present –

The Queries were read at this time, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6 mo. next; and Nathan Breed, Moses Huntington, Newell Ordway, Daniel Beede, Samuel Boyce, Micajah C. Pratt, and Josiah D. Challis were appointed to attend said Meeting, as Representatives –

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of that Meeting –

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that Ruth Bassett an elder of that meeting, wife of Isaac Bassett, departed this life on the 5th of 7 mo. 1860 – aged 78 years, 3 mos, & 9 days – And that Mary Chase, a member of that meeting and a minister, widow of Abijah Chase, departed this life on the 26th of 4 mo. 1861 – aged 88 years, 10 mos, and 23 days

A Report to our next Yearly Meeting has been prepared and read; and being approved, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting –

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn, at the usual time in the 5mo. next –

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

Summary Answers

Ans. 1 – All our meetings both for worship and discipline have been kept up, except a few omissions in three; in one of which the Preparative Meeting having been for some time omitted, has since been laid down –
The Omission in one of the others, was on account of the inclemency of the weather, and the other omission was that of a very small meeting, which in one instance was omitted – Our meetings on First-days, have generally been attended by most of our members, while midweek meetings, both for worship and discipline, continue to be neglected by many, and a few of our members, seldom attend any of our meetings – The hour is nearly observed by most friends – A few instances of sleeping. Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour –

Ans. 2 – We believe there is a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst us, and that detraction is mostly guarded against – No differences are apparent amongst us –

Ans. 3 – We believe there is a care with friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves; while more religious concern for the maintainance of our testimonies in these respects is necessary – We believe the Holy Scriptures are read in all our families, & frequently in most –

Ans. 4th. We believe our members are mostly careful in the several particulars of this Query, except three or four instances of the unnecessary use of Spirituous liquors –

Ans. 5th – Friends are careful in the several particulars of this Query –

Ans 6th – Mostly careful in these respects; One monthly Meeting reports two instances of marrying, out of Society –

Ans. 7th – Clear as far as we know, except three instances of a military nature, and one of contributing towards the support of a paid ministry –

Ans. 8th – We believe friends are generally careful to observe the requirements of this Query –

Ans. 9th – Care has been taken in regard to recording; A few removals without certificates –

Ans. 10th – Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust, in good measure agreeable to this Query – though not so seasonably at all times as would be best – Judgment has we believe been placed according to discipline –

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn, 15th of 8 mo – 1861 –

By accounts received from our several monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, William Chase, Benjamin Scribner, Nathan Breed, James Oliver, and David Osborne –

For Seabrook, Newell Ordway, Moses Huntington, & Daniel Beede –

For Weare, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, Nathan Breed, and Thomas W. Thorndike; who are all present –

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk; which being approved, he is accordingly appointed to that service for one year; And Charles F. Coffin is appointed assistant clerk for the day —

Our beloved Friends William W. Chase from Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York, David Tatum from Bridgeport Monthly Meeting Indiana, & Lemuel Gifford from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass. are at this time with us, and have produced minutes from those Meetings respectively, expressive of the unity of their friends with them, in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us; their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our esteemed Friends Samuel Piesley, and his wife Betsey Piesley, are also with us, and have produced a minute from Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa, informing that they are members of that Meeting — Their company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended —

We have received at this time about 450 copies of the London Printed Epistle for 1860, one of which has been read to our encouragement; & direction is given that they be forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting containing the Report of our Boarding School Committee have been at this time received; & the clerk informs that copies thereof have been forwarded, to our Monthly Meetings — One of them having been read at this time —

The clerk informs that he has received 400 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

The following minute from our Last Yearly Meeting is also recd. – Viz –

"Yearly Meeting, Sixth month 1861 –

It is concluded to raise twelve hundred Dollars, for the use of this meeting, the present year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer –

The quota for Salem Quarterly Meeting is two hundred and forty Dollars –($ 240) 20 p ct –

From the minutes of the meeting –

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

From which it appears that this Meetings proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is 240 Dollars – And it being apprehended that some change in the apportionment among our Monthly Meetings is desirable, we appoint our friends, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Josiah D. Challis, Thomas W. Thorndike, Edward L. Gove, Moses F. Rogers, Moses Sawyer, & Enoch Page, to take the subject into consideration, & report their views thereon, at our next Meeting –

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that they have discontinued the mid-week meeting formerly held at Pittsfield –

Returning Minutes on behalf of our Friends David Tatum, & Wm. H. Chase have been prepared and read; & the clk is directed to furnish them with copies thereof, & sign them on behalf of this Meeting –

A returning minute has also been prepared & read, on behalf of our friend Lemuel Gifford, which the clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting –

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Weare, at the usual time in the 10 mo. next –

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce

Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 17th of 10 mo. 1861 –

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem, David Rodman, William Chase, Moses F. Rogers, Micajah C. Pratt, and Jonathan Buxton –

For Seabrook, Josiah D. Challis, Moses Huntington, Robert L. Brown, and Daniel Beede –

For Weare, Ephraim Leighton, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, Joseph Hoag, & Nathan Breed, who are all present –

We appoint our friend John Page assistant clerk of this meeting until the 8 mo. next –

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our monthly meetings –

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting upon the subject of a new apportionment presented the following report – viz –

To the Quarterly Meeting –

The committee on a new apportionment are united in proposing, that Salem Monthly Meeting be fifty five per ct; Weare twenty seven per ct; & Seabrook eighteen –

Weare 10 mo. 17th 1861 –

On behalf of the Committee
Thos W. Thorndike

Which after consideration is accepted, & the propositions therein contained in regard to a new apportionment are adopted by this meeting – And it appearing by the extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting that this meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is 240 Dolls, our monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of said sum to Micajah C. Pratt, Treasurer of this meeting –

Salems proportion 55 p ct is	132.00
Seabrooks proportion 18 p ct is –	43.20
Weare's proportion 27 p ct is –	64.80
	240.00

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1mo. next –

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 16th of 1mo – 1862 –

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem John Henry Crossman, William Chase, David Rodman, Joseph P. Newhall, Micajah C. Pratt, & Jonathan Buxton –

For Seabrook, Jonathan Beede, Thomas Folsom, and Newell Ordway –

For Weare, Nathan Breed, Abijah Johnson, & John Page; who are all present –

Our beloved Friends David Dudley from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, & Gilbert Congden from Providence Monthly Meeting, are at this time with us, and have produced minutes from those meetings respectively informing that they are ministers in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with them in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us; their company and gospel labours have been satisfactory –

The Queries have been read at this time; and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings –

An essay for a returning minute for our friend David Dudley has been read and approved; and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting –

The clerk is also directed to furnish our friend Gilbert Congden with one of a similar tenor, & sign it on our behalf –

The business being closed at this time; we conclude purposing to meet again in Amesbury, at the usual time in the 5mo. next – Signed on behalf of the meeting Samuel Boyce

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 22d of 5 mo — 1862 —

By accounts recd from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem Nathan Breed, William Chase, Micajah C. Pratt, David Osborne, & James Oliver —

For Seabrook Joseph S. Nichols, Jonathan Beede, Moses Huntington, and Robert L. Brown —

For Weare, Nathan Breed, Abijah Johnson, & Thomas W. Thorndike; who being called are all present —

Our beloved friend Francis W. Thomas attended this Meeting, and presented a minute from New-Garden Monthly Meeting Ind. held in the 2d mo. last, Endorsed by New-Garden Quarterly Meeting expressive of their concurrence with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us — His company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Daniel Hill, companion to Francis W. Thomas, also attended this meeting, & produced a minute of concurrence from New-Garden Monthly Meeting Ind, which has been read —

His company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island, in the 6mo. next; and Nathan Breed of Lynn, Stephen A. Chase, Moses Huntington, Daniel Beede, Nathan Breed of Weare, and John Page, are appointed to attend said Meeting as Representatives —

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that Solomon Varney a member of that meeting, in the station of elder deceased 6 mo. 15th. 1861 aged 81 years —

And Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that Robert Brown an elder of that Meeting, deceased the

24th of 1 mo. 1862 - aged 82 years & mos, & 20 days -
And that Abagail Piesley also an elder of that meeting, deceased 1 mo. 28th - 1862 aged 54 years & 4 mos,

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that Joshua Page, an elder of that Meeting, deceased the 8th of 3 mo. 1862. aged 59 years 10 mos. & 2 days -

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Josiah D. Challis, to the Station of elder; which, after a time of solid deliberation, was defered until our next Quarterly Meeting for further consideration -

Essays for returning minutes for our friends Francis W. Thomas, & Daniel Hill, were prepared and read; and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting -

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting -

An Essay for a report to our next Yearly Meeting has been prepared & read; & the clerk is directed to Sign it on behalf of this meeting -

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

Summary for 1862 -

Ans. 1 Our Meetings have all been kept up, except a few omissions in three meetings, in one of which the Preparative Meeting has been omitted, & the other omissions have mostly occurred on account of the inclemency of the weather. Those on First days have generally been pretty well attended. those for discipline have not been attended so fully. Other midweek meetings continue to be neglected by many of our members, and a few seldom attend any of our Meetings - The hour is nearly observed - Mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour, except a few instances of sleeping — Some care taken in the above deficiencies —

Ans. 2. — We believe that love & unity are in a good measure maintained amongst us — and that detraction is mostly guarded against — Care has been taken to end differences —

Ans. 3 — We believe there is a care with Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves — yet we are sensible of falling short in these important duties; The Holy Scriptures are we believe frequently read, in nearly all Friends families —

Ans. 4th — The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes with two exceptions, in which labour has been extended — The unnecessary frequenting of taverns, & places of public resort mostly avoided; moderation and temperance are observed on the other occasions refered to —

Ans. 5th The circumstances of the poor, and the education of their children have been attended to — No children placed out from among Friends —

Ans. 6th — Carefull in respect to proceedings in marriage, except three instances of keeping company on that account out of Society —

Ans. 7th — Our testimonies in these respects appear to be maintained, except a few instances of a military nature, with respect to which some care has been extended; and two or three instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry —

Ans. 8th. Friends are mostly carefull in these respects —

Ans. 9th — Care has been taken in regard to records —

Ans. 10th — Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust in good measure, agreeable to this Query; yet we are sensible of weakness, and a want of timely dealing, in the discharge of this important duty — Judgment has we believe been placed according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Lynn 21st. of 8 mo. 1862 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem William S. Boyce, Hiram Gove, Charles F. Coffin, William Chase, & Joshua Buxton —

For Seabrook, Edward Gove, Daniel Beede, and Moses Huntington —

For Weare John Page Nathan Breed, Nathan Sawyer, Richard Breed, and Thomas W. Thorndike; who being called are all present —

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk, & John Page for assistant; which being approved they are accordingly appointed to those stations for one year —

Our beloved friend William Greene from Ireland; attended this Meeting, and produced a certificate from Lisburn Monthly Meeting, endorsed by the Quarterly meeting for the Province of Ulster, & one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in Ireland the 3rd. of 5 mo. last, all expressive of their sympathy with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us — His company and labours of love in the gospel, have been acceptable and edifying —

Our beloved Friends Abraham Morris from Gilead Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Joseph Hobson also from said Gilead Monthly Meeting, and John Henry Douglas, from Dover Monthly Meeting, Ohio, are at this time with us, and have produced minutes of concurrence which have been read —

Their company & religious services have been acceptable & edifying to us —

Our beloved friends Isaac Stanley from Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting, Columbiana Co. Ohio, companion to Joseph Hobson; Eli Harvey from Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio, companion to John Henry Douglas, and Mahitable J. Morris, wife & companion to Abraham Morris, are at this time with us, & have produced minutes of concurence from those Meetings, which have been read — their company has been acceptable to us —

Our beloved friend Susan Howland also attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from New-Bedford Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity, with her, in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Her company and labours of love in the gospel have been acceptable & edifying —

Our beloved friend Lydia Congdon, Companion to Susan Howland attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting which has been read — Her company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings —

The appointment of Josiah D. Chattis to the station of elder by Seabrook Monthly Meeting, has again claimed our consideration, & after a time of solid deliberation thereon, it is concluded to defer the case until our next Quarterly Meeting —

The clerk informs that he has received, about 450 copies of the London printed Epistle for 1861, and about the same number of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, & that care has been taken in regard to forwarding them to our Monthly Meetings —

The reading of the Epistle is deferred until our next Quarterly Meeting —

The clerk also informs, that he has recd copies of the Report of our Boarding School Committee, together with Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and that the necessary care has been taken with regard to forwarding them to our Monthly Meetings — The Report and Extracts have been read in this Meeting at this time —

The extracts are as follows — viz — "While engaged in the review of the state of society, the vital importance of the right performance of the duty alluded to in the tenth Query, was brought impressively before us, and we were feelingly reminded of the course prescribed in the Gospel, upon which our discipline is founded —

First, let the labour with an offending brother be, between him & thee alone — then two or three may engage in the work; and if this be unavailing, the aid of the church may be rightly invoked to exercise its authority, in the spirit of meekness & wisdom — A committee is to be appointed free from prejudice, moving in the fear of God, and in the love of christ, to labour, in this love and tenderness, to show the offender the error of his way, and to restore him to the right path; and if all this prove unavailing, then may the church testify against his evil way, and for the sake of the Cause of Truth, dissolve his connexion with our religious body — This course is according to the discipline and usage of our society; and it is the sense & judgment of this meeting, that the case must be of a very flagrant nature, in which the truth would greatly suffer by delay, to justify a more summary proceeding —

Friends are entreated to be sure that no root of bitterness exists in their own hearts — a fatal disqualification for doing good to others — No one can tell how abundant may be the fruits of the labour, bestowed in the love, & under the influence of ~~Christ~~ the Spirit of christ, whether they are immediately manifested, or gathered after many days — "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are Spiritual, restore such an one in the Spirit of meekness, considering thyself —, lest thou also be tempted" —

"Yearly Meeting Sixth Month, 1862 —

It is concluded to raise twelve hundred Dollars (1200) for the use of this meeting the present year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise, and forward to David Buffum, our Treasurer —

The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is two hundred & forty Dollars, (240) 20 p.ct —

From the Minutes of the Meeting —
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

And it appearing that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is 240 Dolls, our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of said sum, to Micajah C. Pratt, Treasurer of this meeting —

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Salem's Proportion	55 pct. is —	132,00
Seabrooks Proportion	18 pct " —	43,20
Weare's Do —	27 pct. " —	64,80
		240,00

Essays for returning minutes on behalf of our friends Abraham Morris, Joseph Hobson, Susan Howland, Isaac Stanley, Lydia Congdon, & Mahitable J. Morris, have been prepared & read; and being approved, the clerk is directed to sign them, on behalf of this meeting —

The business being closed at this time we Conclude; purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Weare, 16th of 10 mo. 1862 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are; For Salem, Nathan Breed, Joseph P. Newhall; William S. Boyce, Daniel Osborne, William Chase, & Stephen A. Chase —

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington, Daniel Beede, & Newell Ordway —

For Weare, Nathan Breed, Thomas W. Thorndike, John Peasley, & David Gove, who being called are all present —

Our beloved friend John Cartland, attended this Meeting, and produced a minute from Limington Monthly Meeting, held in the 8 mo. last, expressive of their unity with him, in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us —

His company & religious services have been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings —

The appointment of Josiah D. Challis to the Station of elder, by Seabrook Monthly Meeting, has at this time again claimed our attention; and after a time of solid deliberation thereon, it is concluded to appoint a committee to take the subject into consideration, and report their views in regard to it, at our next Quarterly Meeting — And the following friends are appointed for that purpose. Viz — Nathan Breed of Lynn, Stephen A. Chase, Enoch Page, John Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, & Samuel Boyce —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Joseph Hoag to the Station of elder; which after a time of solid deliberation, is united with, by this, & the women's Quarterly Meeting — And the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

Essays for returning minutes on behalf of John Henry Douglas, & Eli Harvey, who attended our last Quarterly Meeting, and one for John Cartland have been read & approved; & the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in in the 1 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem 15th of 1 mo. 1863 —

By accounts recd. from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, David Rodman, Jonathan Buxton, Joseph P. Newhall, Enoch Page & John Henry Crossman —

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington, Newell Ordway, Joel H. Davis, & Daniel Beede —

For Weare, Nathan Breed, John Page, and Richard Breed; who being called are all present —

Our beloved friend Joseph W. Pratt, attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Unity Monthly Meeting, held in the 10 mo. last expressive of their concurrence with him, in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us — his company & religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Timothy Hanson attended this meeting, as companion to Joseph Pratt, and produced a minute of concurrence from Unity Monthly Meeting informing that he is an elder in unity, & expressive of their concurrence with him, in his prospect of accompanying Joseph W. Pratt in his present religious engagement

His company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings —

The Committee to consider the appointment by Seabrook Monthly Meeting of a Friend to the Station of elder inform they have given attention thereto; but not being prepared to report at this time they are continued, and desired to report at a future meeting —

Essays for returning minutes, on behalf of our Friends Joseph W. Pratt, & Timothy Hanson, have been read & approved; and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Alice B. Hoag to the Station of elder — which after a time of solid consideration is united with, by this, and the women's Quarterly Meeting. And the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Amesbury, at the usual time in the 5 mo. next. Signed on behalf of the meeting, Samuel Boyce

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury the 28th of 5 mo. 1863 —

By accounts recd from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are; —

For Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, William Chase, William S. Boyce, John Henry Crossman, James Oliver, Daniel Osborne & Nathan Breed —

For Seabrook, Thomas Folsom, Jonathan Beede, Robert L. Brown, & Edward L. Gove —

For Weare, Joseph Hoag, Nathan Breed, Abijah Johnson, and John Page —

Who being called are all present —

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6mo. next —

And Stephen A. Chase, Newell Ordway, Edward Gove, John Page, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Robert L. Brown, Micajah C. Pratt, and Thomas W. Thorndike, are appointed to attend said Meeting as Representatives —

An Extract from the minutes of our Meeting for Sufferings, has at this time been recd and read, encouraging our members to faithfulness, in regard to the maintenance of our testimony respecting military matters; and we would recommend the contents thereof to the careful consideration & observance of all our members — The clerk informs that copies thereof have been forwarded to our Subordinate meetings —

The subject of proposing to the Yearly Meeting a revision of our discipline, has at this time claimed our attention, and after a season of deliberation thereon, it is concluded to bring the same before our Yearly Meeting in order for its consideration —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting —

A Report from this meeting to our next Yearly Meeting has at this time been read & approved; and the clerk was directed to sign it on our behalf —

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Page, a minister in unity with us, informed this meeting, that for a considerable length of time, she has been impressed with a belief that it would be right, for her to attend the opening of Iowa Yearly Meeting, and a few meetings within its limits, as expressed in a certificate from Weare Monthly Meeting which has been read — After a time of solid deliberation upon the subject, her prospect was feelingly united with, and she encouraged to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct; and the clerk is directed to endorse the foregoing minute on her certificate, & sign it on our behalf —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Lynn, at the usual time in the 8th month next — Signed on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce
Clerk —

Summary Answers —

Ans. 1 — Our Meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except seventeen omissions in two of our very small ones, one of which is under the care of a committee — Those on First-days are generally attended by most of our members — Meetings for discipline not so fully attended — Other midweek Meetings, continue to be neglected by many — The hour is nearly observed by most Friends — Unbecoming behaviour mostly guarded against, except a few instances of sleeping — One account says, some care has been taken in the above named deficiencies —

Ans. 2 — We believe love & unity are generally maintained amongst us, and that detraction is mostly guarded against — When differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them —

Ans. 3 — We believe there is a concern with Friends to bring up those under their direction, in plainness; to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary herein themselves; yet we are sensible of falling short in these respects — The Holy Scriptures are we believe read in Friends families, and frequently in most them —

Ans. 4th — The use of Spirituous liquors, as far as appears is confined to medicinal purposes, except in two instances, one of which is under notice; and labour has been bestowed in the other — We believe our members are generally carefull to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort, and to observe moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to —

Ans. 5 — The necessities of the poor have been relieved, and the education of their children attended to — No children placed out from among Friends —

Ans. 6th — Careful in these respects, except a few instances of keeping company with those not in membership on account of marriage; and one of marrying out —

Ans. 7th — A few instances of contributing to a paid ministry for its support — Three cases of joining the army, two of which are under notice — Eight disownments of our members have taken place, during the past year, for having joined the army or navy — One account states not wholly clear with respect to other military matters — We know of no violation of our testimony, in the other parts of this Query —

Ans. 8th — We believe Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this Query —

Ans. 9th — Care has been taken with regard to records; a few instances of removal, without Certificates —

Ans. 10th — Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust in good measure as queried after, though not so seasonably in some cases as might be best —

Judgment has we believe been placed, according to discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Lynn 20th of 8 mo. 1862 –

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Stephen A. Chase, Nathan Breed, Edward P. Little, Benjamin W. Jones, Wm O. Newhall, & Wm Chase –

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington, Newell Ordway, Joseph S. Nichols, & Josiah D. Challis –

For Weare, John Page, Richard Breed, Abijah Johnson and Moses Sawyer; who are all present but two; For the absence of these satisfactory reasons are assigned –

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives have nominated Samuel Boyce for clerk, & John Page for assistant; which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year –

Our beloved friends Moses W. Reede from Providence Monthly Meeting, Lemuel Gifford from Sandwich Monthly Meeting. Mass, & Eli Jones from China Monthly Meeting, are at this time with us, & have produced minutes, from those Monthly Meetings, informing of their being ministers in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with them in their prospects of a religious visit amongst us –

Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us –

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings –

Our beloved friend Eliza Brewer attended this meeting, & produced a certificate from West Lake Monthly Meeting held in the 2 mo. last, endorsed by West Lake Quarterly Meeting Canada West; informing that she is a minister in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us – Her company and religious services have been acceptable –

A minute from our Meeting for Sufferings has at this time been received and read to our comfort and edification, expressive of love and sympathy for our beloved young Friends who under the present laws of our Land have been drafted as conscripts; and encouraging these to a faithful maintainance of our testimony against war & all warlike measures — And we would recommend the contents of said minute to the solid consideration of all our members — The clerk of this meeting informs that copies of the minute have been forwarded to our subordinate Meetings —

The Report of our Boarding School Committee has at this time been read, & the clerk informs that copies thereof have been forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings —

Our beloved friend John Page in a weighty manner informed this meeting, that for some time past he has felt his mind drawn in the love of the Gospel to attend Ohio Yearly Meeting, & some Meetings constituting it; and also some meetings in Newyork Yearly Meeting as set forth in a certificate from Weare Monthly Meeting which has been read at this time — His prospect after a time of solid consideration was united with, & he encouraged to pursue the same, as Best Wisdom may direct — He being a minister in unity amongst us — and the clerk is directed to endorse the foregoing minute on his certificate, and sign it on behalf of this meeting —

And we appoint our Friends Nathan Breed of Lynn, Moses Sawyer, Stephen A. Chase, & Samuel Boyce, a committee to render him such advice and assistance, as may be needful for the performance of his journey —

The clerk informs that he has received about 500 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

An Extract from the minutes of our last yearly Meeting is recd at this time as follows. Viz —

"Yearly Meeting, Sixth Month. 1863 —

It is concluded to raise Twenty five hundred dollars for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer — The quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is 500 Dolls. (20 p ct.)

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey –
Clerk"

And our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportion of said sum to Micajah C. Pratt. Treasurer of this Meeting –

Salem's proportion 55 p ct is 275 Dolls –
Seabrook's proportion 18 p ct is 90 " –
Weare's proportion 27 p ct is 135 " –

Essays for returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Moses H. Beede, Samuel Gifford, Eli Jones, & Eliza Brewer, have been prepared & read; & being approved the clerk is directed to sign them, on behalf of this meeting

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended but one; for whose nonattendance, a satisfactory reason was assigned –

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, 15th of 10 mo. 1863 –

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem Nathan Breed, Moses F. Rogers; Enoch Page, Stephen A. Chase, & William Chase –

For Seabrook, Daniel Beede, Newell Ordway, Thomas Folsom, & Josiah D. Challis –

For Weare, Joseph Hoag, David C. Breed, Franklin T. Huntington, & David Gove, who being called are all present –

Our beloved friend Moses H. Beede, who was with us at our last Quarterly Meeting, and who at that time presented a minute of concurrence from Providence monthly Meeting, which was then minuted, is now again in attendance at this Quarterly Meeting, and his company and religious services have been acceptable and edifying –

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings –

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Page at this time returned the minute granted her in the 5 mo. last, to attend the opening of Iowa Yearly Meeting, & to perform some other religious service — She has presented a returning minute from that Yearly Meeting, stating, that she was acceptably with them, & she has informed this meeting, that she was enabled to perform the visit, & to return with the reward of peace —

The clerk informs that about 500 copies of the London printed Epistle, for the year 1862, have been received, & forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 1st month —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem, 21st. of 1 mo. 1864 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Nathan Breed, William S. Boyce, William Chase, Joshua Buxton, and Edward P. Little —

For Seabrook, Newell Ordway, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington, & Jonathan Beede —

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, John Page, Moses Sawyer, and Nathan Sawyer of Henniker; who being called are all present but one, for whose absence satisfactory reasons are assigned —

Our beloved friend David Dudley attended this meeting, & produced satisfactory minutes from Litchfield monthly meeting, & Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, informing that he is a minister in unity, & expressive of their concurrence with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us — His company, & gospel labours, have been comforting, & edifying to us —

Our beloved friend Winslow Hawkes also attended this meeting, as companion to David Dudley, & produced a minute of concurrence from Litchfield monthly meeting, which has been read; his company has been acceptable to us –

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers, from our Monthly Meetings –

Our beloved friend John Page at this time returned the minute furnished him in the 8 mo. last, liberating him for religious service in the States of Newyork, Ohio, & Michigan; & he informs this meeting, that he has been enabled to accomplish the visit he had in view, and return with the reward of peace – He has produced returning minutes, from Ohio yearly meeting, and also minutes from Adrian, & Allum Creek Quarterly Meetings and from several Monthly Meetings, all expressive of their satisfaction with his visit and services among them –

Essays for returning minutes on behalf of our friends David Dudley, and Winslow Hawkes, have been prepared and read; and being approved, the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting –

The business being closed at this time, we conclud purposing to meet again in Amesbury at the usual time in the 5 mo. next –

Signed on behalf of the meeting –
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury, 26th of 5 mo. 1864 –

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Enoch Page, Nathan Breed, David Osborn, Joseph P. Newhall, Edward P. Little, Micajah C. Pratt, & Jonathan Buxton –

For Seabrook, Edward Gove, Joel H. Davis, Daniel Breed, and Daniel S. Purinton —

For Weare, Ephraim Leighton, Abijah Johnson, and Thomas W. Thorndike; who are all present but one; for whose absence, sufficient reasons are assigned —

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford, attended this meeting and produced a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass. informing that he is a minister in unity, & expressive of their concurrence with him, in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us — His company & religious services have been acceptable —

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island, in the 6mo. next; and Nathan Breed of Lynn, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, Newell Ordway, John Page, Daniel Beede, Micajah C. Pratt, Ephraim Laighton, & Moses Huntington, are appointed as representatives to said mtg —

Salem Monthly Meeting informs, that Rachel B. Holden. an elder of that Meeting, departed this life, the 24th of 3d mo. 1864, aged 64 years and 8 months —

And Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that William Rogers Jr. an elder of that Meeting, departed this life, the 5th day of 9 mo. 1863. aged 77 years & 21 days —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly-Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of that Meeting —

An Essay for a returning minute on behalf of our friend Lemuel Gifford has been read & approved; and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting —

A Report to our Yearly Meeting being read and approved, the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn at the usual time in the 8 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce
clerk —

Summary Answers –

Ans. 1 – All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended, except two very small ones, which have been omitted in a few instances – those on First-days generally by most of our members – Meetings for discipline are not so fully attended – Other midweek meetings continue to be neglected by many – The hour is nearly observed by most Friends; Mostly preserved from unbecoming behavior, except a few instances of sleeping –

Ans. 2 – Love and unity appear to be in a good measure maintained amongst us; yet one account says not without some exception – We believe that detraction is mostly guarded against – When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them –

Ans. 3 – We believe there is a concern with Friends, to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation and to be exemplary herein themselves; yet more religious engagement herein is needed – The Holy Scriptures we trust, are read in all our families, & frequently in most of them –

Ans. 4th – The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes, with one exception, which is under notice – The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort are mostly avoided – moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions refered to –

Ans. 5th – Care is taken in these respects –

Ans. 6th – Careful as to marriages: except in a few instances – Some care has been taken –

Ans. 7th – We know of no violation of our testimonies in these respects, except five instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry, and a few of a military nature –

Ans. 8th – We believe Friends are generally carefull in these respects –

Ans. 9. Care has been taken in regard to records - A few removals without certificates -

Ans. 10. Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust, in good measure agreeable to this query; yet we are sensible of some delay - Judgment has we believe been placed according to discipline -

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 18th of 8 mo 1864 -

By accounts recd from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are -

For Salem, William Chase, Benjamin W. Jones, Nathan Breed, Benajah Purinton, & Joshua Buxton jr -

For Seabrook, Newell Ordway, Daniel Beede, & Moses Huntington -

For Weare, Nathan Sawyer, Abijah Johnson, & Moses Sawyer - who being called, are all present -

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk, & John Page for assistant; which being approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year -

We have at this time with us our beloved Friends Aaron L. Benedict from Ohio, with a certificate from Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, John D. Lang with a certificate from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, and Timothy C. Collins with a certificate from South Kingston Monthly Meeting, all expressive of unity with them, in their prospects of a religious visit amongst us - Their company and religious services have been acceptable -

Our beloved friends Phebe L. Benedict, wife and companion to Aaron L. Benedict, and Ann E. Lang wife & companion to John D. Lang attended this meeting, & produced minutes from their Monthly Meetings, expressive of unity with them in their prospect of their present engagement - Their company has been acceptable to us -

The Queries have been read at this time with answers as required from our Several Monthly Meetings —

Our beloved friends Elizabeth Comstock from Michigan with a certificate from Rollin Monthly Meeting and Mary A. Peckham from the State of Newyork, with a certificate from New Hartford Monthly Meeting, are at this time with us, and their certificates have been read showing the unity & sympathy of their Friends with them in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friends Daniel Peckham husband and companion to Mary A. Peckham, & Deborah P. Crane companion to Elizabeth Comstock, the former with a certificate from New Hartford Monthly Meeting, & the latter with a certificate from a com. of Adrian Quarterly Meeting, are at this time with us — Their company has been acceptable —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs, that that Meeting is united in the appointing of Mary B. Paige to the Station of elder, which after a time of solid consideration was united with by this, & the women's Quarterly Meeting; & she is accordingly appointed to that Station —

And the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

We have at this time received 500 copies of the London printed Epistle for the year, 1863 — which we forward to our monthly Meetings —

And the clerk informs that 400 copies of the printed minutes have been received and sent to our Subordinate Meetings — The minutes being of our last Y. Mtg.

The report of our Boarding School Committee has been recd., and read, & copies thereof have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

An extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting is received at this time as follows — viz —

"Yearly Meeting Sixth month 1864 —
It is concluded to raise Three Thousand Dollars (3000) for the use of this meeting the present year, which the Quarterly Meetings, are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer —
The Quota for Salem Quarterly Meeting, is Six Hundred Dollars ($\overset{\$}{600}$) Twenty per ct —
From the minutes of the meeting —
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clk"

And our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of the sum to be raised, to Micajah C. Pratt Treasurer of this Meeting —

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Salem's Proportion 55 p ct is —	330
Seabrook's proportion 18 p ct is —	108
Weare's proportion 27 p ct is —	162
	600

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo. next —
Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Weare 20th of 10 mo. 1865 —
By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —
For Salem William Chase, Nathan Breed, Daniel Osborne, Benjamin Scribner, Micajah C. Pratt, and Moses F. Rogers —
For Seabrook, Moses Huntington, Newell Ordway, & Thomas Folsom, —
For Weare, Nathan Breed, Abijah Johnson, Lindley H. Osborne, and Moses Sawyer —

who being called were all present —

Our beloved friend Jonathan Devoll attended this meeting, and produced a minute from Moreau Monthly Meeting, Endorsed by Saratoga Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with him, in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us — His company and Gospel labours have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Mary Jane Devol, wife and companion to Jonathan Devoll, also attended this meeting & produced a minute of concurrence from Moreau Monthly Meeting which has been read — Her company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time; with the required answers from our several monthly Meetings —

Our beloved friend Elizabeth L. Comstock from Michigan, who was present at our last Quarterly Meeting, being with us at this time, her certificates have again been read — Her company and gospel labours have been edifying —

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that that meeting is united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Ruth D. Page; which after a time of solid consideration is united with by this & the women's Quarterly Meeting — and the clerk is directed to give the necessay information —

An Essay for a returning minute on behalf of our Friend Aaron L. Benedict who attended our last Quarterly Meeting, has been read and approved; and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy thereof; And he is also requested to furnish our Friends Timothy C. Collins, & Mary A Peckham, with minutes of a similar tenor —

An Essay for a returning minute has also been prepared & read on behalf of Daniel Peckham, which being approved the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy thereof — And he is directed to furnish our friend

Phebe L. Benedict, with a minute of a similar tenor.

Returning minutes have also been prepared and read on behalf of our friends Jonathan Devol, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Mary Jane Devol, & Ann E. Lang, which being approved, the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies thereof.

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 1 mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 19th of 1 mo. 1865.

By accounts rec'd from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are.

For Salem William Chase, John Henry Crossman, Jonathan Buxton, Samuel P. Johnson, David Osborn, & David Rodman.

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington, Thomas Folsom, Nevell Ordway, & Jonathan Beede.

From Weare, John Page, Simon G. Gove, & Joseph Hoag; who being called were all present.

Our beloved friend Alfred H. Jones, attended this meeting, and produced a minute from China Monthly Meeting held in the 10 mo. last expressive of their unity with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us. His company & religious services have been acceptable

Our beloved friend Stephen Jones, companion and father to Alfred H. Jones attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from China Monthly Meeting held in the 12 mo. last informing that he is an elder in unity. His company has been acceptable.

The Queries have been read at this time with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

Returning Minutes on behalf of our Friends. Alfred

M. & Stephen Jones, have been prepared and read; & being approved, the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies thereof.

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Amesbury, at the usual time in the 5 mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury, 25th of 5 mo. 1865.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are:

For Salem, William S. Boyce, William Chase, Jonathan Buxton, Micajah C. Pratt, Joseph P. Newhall, and David Osborne.

For Seabrook, Robert D. Brown, Newell Ordway, Daniel Beede, Peter F. Swett, & Joseph S. Nichols.

From Weare, Ephraim Leighton, John Paige, and Nathan Breed — Who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto, from our Monthly Meetings, from which a Summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6 mo. next; And Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Newell Ordway, Stephen A. Chase, Ephraim Leighton, John Page, Samuel Boyce, Daniel Beede, Nathan Breed of Weare, and Micajah C. Pratt, are appointed to attend said Meeting as Representatives.

Our beloved Friend Newell Ordway informed this meeting that he had felt his mind drawn to make a religious visit in Ohio Yearly Meeting, & to attend to religious service amongst Friends & others within its limits, and going & returning, as truth may open the way, as set forth in a certificate granted him by Seabrook Monthly Meeting which has been read — This concern of our dear friend having claimed our weighty consideration is fully united with, & he encouraged to pursue his prospect as truth may open the way — He being a member of this meeting and a minister in unity, the clerk is directed to endorse the foregoing minute on his certificate, & sign it on our behalf —

The committee to consider the appointment by Seabrook Monthly Meeting of Josiah D. Challis to the Station of elder, inform, that they have several times met and confered upon the subject, & that recently one of their number has been removed by death; and they now propose that the meeting should release them from the further consideration of the case as a committee of the Quarterly Meeting; which request is granted them —

And this meeting after a time of solid consideration thereon, now approves of said appointment; the womens Quarterly Meeting uniting therein; and he is accordingly appointed to that Station; and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting —

An essay for a report from this meeting to our next Yearly Meeting has been prepared & read; & the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again in Lynn at the usual time in the 8 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting —

Samuel Boyce
Clerk

Summary —

Ans. 1 — All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except four instances, in one of our Small meetings, two of which are reported as having occurred, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather - Those on First-days, have, generally, been attended by most of our members - Midweek Meetings both for worship and discipline, continue to be neglected by many - The hour is nearly observed by most Friends - A few instances of Sleeping - Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour - Some care taken in the above-named deficiencies -

Second - We believe that love and unity are in good measure maintained amongst us, & that detraction is mostly guarded against; although more care in this respect is needed - No differences have arisen to our knowledge -

Third - We believe Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their care in plainness - We think there is a care with Friends to restrain our youth from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary herein themselves - Yet more religious concern in these respects is needed - We believe the Holy Scriptures are read in all our families, and frequently in most of them -

Fourth - We believe the use of Spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes with one exception in which labor has been bestowed - The unnecessary frequenting of taverns, & places of public resort is mostly avoided - Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to -

Fifth - Friends are careful in the several particulars of this Query -

Sixth - We believe Friends are mostly careful as respects this query, except in three instances, one of which is under notice -

Seventh - Friends are careful to maintain our testimony in relation to a paid ministry, with a few exceptions mentioned in the account from one meeting - They have generally refrained from taking part in military matters though a few exceptions are noticed —

Eighth — We believe Friends are mostly careful in the several parts of this Query —

Ninth — Care has been taken with regard to records. Some omission exists as regards certificates —

Tenth — Friends have a care to deal with offenders, we trust in good measure agreeable to this query — Although not so seasonably in some cases, as might be best. Judgment has we believe been placed according to discipli

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 17th of 8 mo. 1865 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Edward P. Little, Jonathan Buxton, Daniel Osborn, and Samuel P. Johnson —

For Seabrook, John Huntington, Daniel Beede, and Robert L. Brown —

For Weare, Nathan Breed, John Paige, Richard Breed, and Moses Sawyer; who are present, except one, who was prevented from being here by sickness —

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed Samuel Boyce for clerk, & John Paige for assistant, which nominations being approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year —

Our beloved Friends Joseph D. Hoag, from Salem Monthly Meeting Iowa; Robert W. Douglas from Clear Creek monthly Meeting Ohio; Moses H. Beede from Providence Monthly Meeting, and Charles F. Coffin from Sydney Monthly Meeting, are at this time with us, and have produced certificates from those Monthly Meetings, expressive of unity with them in their ministry, and with their prospects of religious visits amongst us — Their company and religious services whether in vocal testimony or silent waiting, have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Silas Baker from Sandwich monthly meeting, Mass. is with us at this time, as companion to his wife Ruth H. Baker, and Mercy H. Wing, and has produced a minute from said monthly meeting, expressive of their unity with him in his present engagement — His company has been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Cyrus G. Pringle attended this meeting, as companion to Joseph D. Hoag, and produced a minute from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, expressive of unity with him in his present engagement — His company has been acceptable —

Our beloved friends Ruth H. Baker, & Mary H. Wing from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. and Huldah M. Reede from Providence Monthly Meeting, are also with us, and have produced certificates from those Meetings expressive of their unity with them, in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Their company & religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Louisa M. Thompson, attended this Meeting & produced a minute from Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa, informing that she is a member of that Meeting, & an elder in unity — Her company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings —

An Extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting is received at this time as follows — viz —

"Yearly Meeting Sixth Month, 1865 —

It is concluded to raise Three Thousand Dollars for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer — The quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is Six Hundred Dollars. (600) 20 pct —

From the minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey
Clerk"

And it appearing that this meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is 600 Dolls, our monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said Sum to Micajah C. Pratt Treasurer of this meeting —

			$ cts
Salem's Proportion	55 p ct — — —	is	330,00
Seabrook's Do —	18 p " — —	"	108,00
Weare's " " —	27 " " —	"	162,00
			600,00

The clerk informs that he has received 400 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which have been forwarded to our monthly Meetings —

The Representatives to our last Yearly inform that they all attended; One of them states that he was called away from the Meeting, before it ended, on account of sickness —

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyce, a minister in unity with us, in a weighty manner, informed this meeting, that for some time past, he has felt his mind drawn to attend the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Baltimore & North-Carolina, with some of the Meetings constituting them, and to appoint Meetings within their limits, and attend some meetings on the way going and returning as set forth in a minute of Salem Monthly Meeting which has been read —

After a time of solid consideration, the concern of our dear friend was united with fully & freely, and he left at liberty and encouraged to attend thereto under the guidance and protection of the Head of the Church — And the assistant clerk is directed to endorse the foregoing minute on the Certificate of Salem Monthly Meeting, & sign it our behalf —

A report from our boarding School Committee, was laid before us and read, and the clerk informs that copies thereof have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

We have received 500 copies of the London General Epistle for the year 1864; & the reading of one of them is deferred until our next Quarterly Meeting —

An Essay for a returning minute for Joseph D. Hoag, has been prepared and read, and being approved, the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy thereof — And the clerk is also directed, to furnish our friend Robert W. Douglas, with a minute of a similar tenor —

An Essay for a returning minute, on behalf of our friend Cyrus G. Pringle has been prepared and read; and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy thereof — The clerk is also directed to furnish our friend Silas Baker with a minute of a similar tenor —

An essay for a returning minute for our friend Charles F. Coffin; has been prepared and read, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy thereof —

The being closed at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, 19th of 10 mo. 1866 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Micajah C. Pratt, Nathan Breed, Stephen A. Chase, Albert Breed, and James Oliver —

For Seabrook, Newell Ordway, Josiah D. Challis, Daniel Beede, and Joel W. Davis —

For Weare, Lindley M. Osborne, Josiah D. Chase, Abijah Johnson, and David Gove; who being called are all present except two for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons are given —

Our beloved friends Moses W. Beede, and his wife Huldah M. Beede attended this meeting and produced certificates from Providence Monthly Meeting, expressive of unity with their ministry, & their prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Their company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Lydia Green, attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting of Friends, expressive of unity with her ministry, and her present religious engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable —

The Queries were read at this time, with the required answers, from our several Monthly Meetings —

The reading of the London general Epistle for 1864, is again deferred until our next Quarterly Meeting —

Our beloved friend Newell Ordway, has now returned the certificate granted him in the 5 mo. last; for religious service within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and informed us, he had been favored to accomplish the visit, to the peace of his own mind — He produced returning minutes from Ohio Yearly Meeting, Springfield and Salem Quarterly Meetings, and Smithfield, Alum Creek, and Alliance Monthly Meetings, all informing that his company, & religious services were acceptable —

We have at this time received 500 copies of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London held in the 5 mo. last, addressed to Friends in North America, which we forward to our several Monthly Meetings, for distribution among our members; a copy thereof having been read in this Meeting to our instruction and comfort —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed Sariah Folsom to the station of elder; and after a time of consideration the appointment is confirmed by this Meeting, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

Essays for returning Minutes on behalf of our Friends, Moses H. Beede & wife, & Lydia Greene have been prepared and read; and being satisfactory, the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at Salem, at the usual time in the 5 mo. next — Signed on behalf of the Meeting —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 18th of 1 mo. 1866 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Nathan Breed, David Osborn, William S. Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, and Edward P. Little —

For Seabrook, Thomas Folsom, Moses Huntington, and Newell Ordway —

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Thomas W. Thorndike, Franklin T. Huntington, & Moses Sawyer, who are all present —

Our beloved friend Joseph H. Pratt, attended this Meeting and produced a minute from Windham Monthly Meeting informing that he is a minister in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us —

Our beloved friend Joseph H. Pratt attended this Meeting and produced a minute from Windham Monthly Meeting, informing that he is a minister in unity, & expressive of their concurrence with him in his prospect of a religious visit amongst us — His company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend Martha E. Pratt, wife of Joseph H. Pratt also attended this Meeting as companion to her husband, and produced a minute from Windham Monthly Meeting, informing that she is an elder in unity, and expressive of their concurrence with her in her present engagement — Her company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that that meeting is united in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Daniel Beede; which after a time of solid consideration is united with by this & the womens Quarterly Meeting — and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs, that our friend Martha Meader, a minister and member of that meeting, departed this life on the 31st of 10mo. 1865 in the 78th year of her age —

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyce has now informed us, that he has accomplished a portion of the visit he had in prospect, when a certificate was granted him in the 3m last, to the entire peace of his mind, and has produced returning minutes from the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore & North-Carolina, & from several Quarterly Meetings, informing that his company and gospel labors were acceptable and satisfactory; And as he requests the privelege of retaining his certificate for further service the request is freely granted, and he encouraged to pursue his prospect until its completion —

The London general Epistle for 1864 was read at this time —

Essays for returning minutes for our Friends Joseph W Pratt
& wife having been read and approved the clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at the usual time in Amesbury in the 5mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 24th of 5mo. 1866 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are —

For Salem Charles F. Coffin, Peter M. Neall, Nathan Breed, William A. Brown, and David Osborn —

For Seabrook, Thomas Folsom, Newell Ordway, Robert L. Brown and Moses Huntington —

For Weare, Simon G. Gove, John Paige, and Richard Breed who are present —

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto, from which a Summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode-Island in the 6. mo next — And Daniel Beede, Samuel Boyce, Thomas Folsom, Nathan Breed, and John Paige, are appointed to attend said Meeting as Representatives —

A testimony of Seabrook monthly meeting, Concerning our late beloved friend Martha Meader, was at this time read & approved and the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting, and forward it to our Meeting for Sufferings —

Our beloved friend Susan Howland attended this Meeting, and produced a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, expressive of unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit amongst us — Her company and religious services have been acceptable —

Our beloved friend William C. Taber attended this Meeting and produced a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, on behalf of himself & his wife Rhoda M. Taber, expressive of unity with their prospect of accompanying Susan Howland, in her religious visit amongst us — His company has been acceptable — His wife is prevented from being present on account of ill health —

The office of Treasurer of this meeting having become vacant by the decease of our Friend Micajah C. Pratt, we appoint, Charles F. Coffin Treasurer until the 8 mo. next —

The subject of a new apportionment claiming our attention at this time, we appoint Joseph P. Newhall, Thomas Folsom Simon G. Gove, Moses F. Rogers, & Josiah D. Challis, to take the matter into consideration and report their views thereon at our next Quarterly Meeting — Said committee are also requested to audit the accounts, of the late Treasurer & settle them, & propose a Friend for Treasurer —

Essays for returning minutes on behalf of our friends Susan Howland & William C. Taber & wife were read and approved; and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of

Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer of that Meeting —

An essay for a Report to our next Yearly Meeting has been prepared and read, and the Clerk is directed to sign it, & forward it to that Meeting —

The business being closed at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Lynn, at the usual time in the 9 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

Answers to the Queries —

Ans. 1 — All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been attended — On First days by most of our members — Meetings for discipline & other midweek Meetings are neglected by many — The hour is generally observed — Friends are preserved from sleeping with few exceptions — Of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear

Ans. 2 — We believe love and unity are maintained by most Friends — Detraction is mostly guarded against — Endeavours have been used to end differences —

Ans. 3 — We believe there is a care with most Friends, to bring up those under their direction in plainness as queried after, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves — yet more diligent and religious care and concern in these respects is necessary — We believe the Holy Scriptures are read in our families, and frequently in most of them.

Ans. 4th The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes, except in one or two cases where care has been taken — Some instances of attending places of public amusement have occurred — Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to —

Ans. 5th — We believe our discipline is maintained in these respects —

Ans. 6th — We believe that Friends are generally careful that all proceedings, with respect to marriage are conformable to our discipline –

7th – Clear in the several particulars of this Query, except a few instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry, and three cases of bearing arms, in which some care has been taken –

8th – We believe there is a care with most Friends in these respects, yet more care in some cases would be useful –

9th – Nearly clear as to records; A few removals without certificates –

10th – Care has been taken to deal with offenders we believe in a good measure as queried after; yet not so seasonable in some cases as would be best – We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline –

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 16th of 8mo. 1866 –

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Benjamin H. Jones, Peter M. Neall, John Buxton Jr. & David Osborn –

For Seabrook, Daniel Beede, Robert L. Brown, & Josiah D. Challis –

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Franklin T. Huntington, John Paige, & Nathan Breed, who being called are all present –

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed the Representatives have proposed, Samuel Boyce for clerk, & John Paige for assistant; which being approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year –

Our beloved friend John L. Eddy from Kingston Canada West, David H. Bennett from Butternuts Monthly Meeting, Newyork, & Jesse T. Hartley from

Gilead Monthly Meeting: Ohio, attended this Meeting and produced certificates from those meetings, expressive of unity with them, in their prospect of a religious visit amongst us; their company and religious services, whether in vocal service, or silent waiting, has been acceptable to us —

Our beloved friend Mary Eddy wife & companion to John L. Eddy, attended this meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Kingston Monthly Meeting, expressive of unity with her in her prospect of a religious engagement, in accompanying her husband in his visit amongst us — Her company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers thereto, from our several Monthly Meetings —

Our beloved friend Deborah C. Thomas, attended this meeting, and produced a certificate from Baltimore monthly Meeting, expressive of unity with her in her prospect of a religious engagement amongst us. Her company, and religious services have been acceptable —

The report of our Boarding School Committee, has been recd at this time and read, and the clerk informs that copies thereof have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings —

The clerk informs that he has received from our last Yearly Meeting 500 copies of the printed Minutes of our last yearly meeting, which he has forwarded to our subordinate Meetings —

The clerk also informs that he has received 400 copies of the London printed Epistle, which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings — And the reading of a copy thereof is deferred until our next Quarterly Meeting —

The committee to audit and settle the accounts of the former Treasurer, to consider the subject of a new apportionment, and to propose some person for Treasurer of this meeting, at this time presented the following report, viz —

"The committee appointed to settle the accounts of our late and present Treasurers, to report the name of a suitable person for Treasurer, and to consider the matter of a new apportionment, present the following report. viz —

We find their accounts correctly kept, and properly vouched for, and the yearly meeting stock paid over to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting — There is due on the account of the late Treasurer, Seventy five Dollars, which we propose should be assessed upon the monthly meetings, in addition to the regular Yearly Meeting stock; and that the Treasurer of the Quarterly meeting be directed to pay said amount, to the Estate of our late Treasurer — The committee propose the name of Charles F. Coffin for Treasurer

They have considered the matter of a change of the apportionment, but do not feel prepared to report upon it at the present time —

For the Committee

Joseph P. Newhall"

which is accepted; And in accordance therewith Charles F. Coffin is appointed Treasurer; and it appearing that a balance is due the estate of the former Treasurer of 75 Dollars, our Treasurer is directed to settle said balance, on behalf of this meeting; and our monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their several proportions of said sum; and the committee are continued for the further consideration of the subject of a new apportionment, and Moses Sawyer is added to said committee —

The following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting was recd., & read at this time. viz —

"Yearly Meeting, 6 mo. 1866 —

It is concluded to raise three Thousand dollars, ($3000) for the use of this meeting the current year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay to David Buffum our Treasurer —

The quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is six hundred Dollars, ($600) twenty per ct —

From the minutes of the meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey
Clerk"

And our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of said sum of 600 Dolls to the Treasurer of this meeting in such proportions, as shall hereafter be concluded upon —

Our beloved friend John Paige opened in this meeting a prospect which has for some time rested upon his mind, of attending in the love of the gospel Iowa Yearly Meeting, and some of the Meetings constituting it, and also of attending some of the meetings in Ohio & New York Yearly Meetings, as set forth in a certificate granted him by Weare Monthly Meeting, which has been read —

His concern after a time of serious consideration was united with, by this meeting, & he encouraged to pursue his prospect, under the direction and Guidance of the Head of the church —

We certify on his behalf, that he is a member of this meeting and a minister in unity, & we commend him to the care & sympathy of Friends, wherever his lot may be cast, desiring that when his service shall be performed he may return with the reward of peace —

And we appoint our friends Nathan Breed, Samuel Boyce, Moses Sawyer, Moses Huntington, Charles F. Coffin William A. Brown, Joseph P. Newhall, William O. Newhall and Dennis A. Page, to render him such advice and assistance, as may be needful, in order for the accomplishment of his journey —

An essay for a returning minute, on behalf of our friend John L. Eddy, has been read & approved, & the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy thereof, & sign it on behalf of this meeting —

The Clerk is also directed to furnish our friends David W. Bennett, and Jesse T. Hartley with minutes of a similar tenor —

Essays for returning minutes on behalf of our friends Deborah C. Thomas, and Mary Eddy have also been read and approved; and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform they all attended —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo. next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, 18th of 10 mo. 1866 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are —

For Salem, Jonathan Buxton, Daniel Osborn, Nathan Breed, William A. Brown, William O. Newhall, Joseph P. Newhall, & Jabez Wood —

For Seabrook, Thomas Folsom, Newell Ordway, and Josiah Challis —

For Weare, David Gove, Hervod Chase, Lindley W. Osborne, & Nathan Breed, who being called, are all present —

Our beloved friend David W. Bennett, who attended our last Quarterly Meeting, with a certificate from Butternuts monthly meeting, NewYork, is now with us, and his certificates have again been read — His company and religious Services have been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read at this time, with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings —

The committee to consider the subject of a new apportionment, inform that attention has been given to their appointment; but not being prepared to report at this time they are continued and are desired to report at our next Quarterly Meeting —

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs, that, that Meeting is united in the appointment of Joel H. Davis to the station of elder; which after a time of solid consideration is united with by this, & the women's Quarterly Meeting & he is accordingly appointed to that Station — And the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information —

Our beloved friends Lydia Greene from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, Vermont, & Martha Austin from Unity Monthly Meeting, Maine, attended this Meeting, & produced minutes of concurrence from those meetings, informing that they are ministers in unity; their company & religious services, whether in vocal service, or in silent waiting have been acceptable to us —

Our beloved Friends Stephen Greene from Ferrisburg monthly Meeting, attended this meeting as companion to his wife Lydia Greene, Joseph Taber from Unity Monthly meeting, as companion to Martha Austin, and Lydia R. Taber from Unity Monthly Meeting, also as companion to Martha Austin, and produced minutes of concurrence from those meetings, which have been read — their company has been acceptable —

The London printed Epistle, for the year 1865, has been read at this time to our edification & comfort —

An essay for a returning minute for David H. Bennett has been prepared & read, & the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy thereof, & sign it on behalf of this meeting –

An essay for a returning minute on behalf of Stephen Greene, has been prepared and read, and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting; and the clerk is directed to furnish our friend Joseph Taber, with a minute of a similar tenor –

Returning minutes on behalf of Lydia Greene, Martha Austin, & Lydia R. Taber have been read & approved, & the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting –

The business being closed at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in the 1mo. next –

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyce Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 17th of 1mo. 1867 –

By accounts recd from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are –

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Moses F. Rogers, David Osborn, William Chase, and James Oliver –

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington, John L. Folsom, and Newell Ordway –

For Weare, Nathan Breed, John Paige, Israel Hoag, Moses Sawyer, & Joseph Hoag; who being called were all present, except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned –

Our beloved friends David Dudley from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, & Jedidiah J. Varney, from Unity Monthly Meeting, are at this time with us, and have produced minutes of concurrence, from those meetings which have been read; their company and religious services have been acceptable –

Our esteemed friend Noah Farr, from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, is at this time with us as companion to David Dudley, & Clement R. Jones from Unity Monthly Meeting as companion to Jedidiah J. Varney, who have produced minutes of concurrence from those Meetings which have been read; their company has been acceptable to us —

The Queries have been read, and the required answers thereto, from our several Monthly Meetings —

The committee to consider the subject of a new apportionment presented the following report, viz —

The committee appointed on the apportionment of Quarterly Meeting Stock, report as follows — viz —

We recommend that Salem Monthly Meeting should pay Sixty per ct, Weare twenty two, and Seabrook Eighteen —

For the Committee.

Jos. P. Newhall"

Lynn 1 mo. 17th 1867 —

Which is accepted; And it appearing that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is 600 Dolls; and it also appearing that there is a balance of Seventy five Dollars due the Treasurer, our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of said amount to Charles F. Coffin, Treasurer of this meeting —

Salem's proportion	60 pr ct is	405.00
Seabrook's	" 18 " "	121.50
Weare's	" 22 "	148.50
		675.00

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyce has now returned the minute granted him in the eighth month 1865, and has informed us that the religious service for which he was set at liberty has been accomplished to the peace of his own mind —

Essays for returning minutes for our Friends, David Dudley, Jedidiah J. Varney, Noah Farr, & Clement R. Jones have been read & approved, and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting —

The business being closed at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at Amesbury in the 5 mo. next at the usual time —

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held in Amesbury, 23d of 5 mo. 1867 —

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are;

For Salem, James Oliver, Nathan Breed, Edward S. Little, Joseph P. Newhall, Stephen A. Chase, William O. Newhall, Charles F. Coffin, & Joseph S. Nichols —

For Seabrook, Daniel Bede, Newell Ordway, Peter T. Swett, and Thomas Folsom —

For Weare Ephraim Leighton, Moses Sawyer, Thomas W. Thorndike John Paige, and John Breed, who being called are all present but one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned —

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings; from which a summary is prepared, for the Yearly Meeting, to be held on Rhode-Island, in the 6 mo. next; and Newell Ordway, Daniel Bede, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Joel W. Davis, John Paige, Ephraim Leighton, William S. Boyce, Samuel Boyce & Moses F. Rogers, are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives —

The subject of a revision of our discipline, having been brought before us, by one of our Monthly Meetings, it is concluded with the concurrence of the Women's meeting to lay it before our Yearly Meeting, for its consideration —

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that Elizabeth Page, a member of that meeting, and a minister, ~~deceased~~

deceased 3 mo. 24th. 1867 aged 57 years lacking three days

Our beloved friend John Paige at this time, returned the minute granted him in the 8 mo. last, & informed that he had nearly accomplished the service he had in view, and that so far as he had been enabled to perform it, it had been to the peace of his mind —

He has produced returning minutes from Iowa Yearly Meeting, & from several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings informing that his company & gospel labors were satisfactory —

An Essay for a report to our next Yearly Meeting, having been read & approved, the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting —

We appoint our friends Benjamin W. Jones, William S. Boyce, Newell Ordway, Daniel Beede, Thomas W. Thorndike, Nathan Breed of Weare, Joseph P. Newhall, Moses Huntington, and Moses Sawyer, to consider of persons to be proposed for clerks, & report their names at our next Quarterly Meeting —

Summary Answers —

Ans. 1 — All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held, except in a few instances in two small Meetings, two of which were omitted on account of inclement weather — Those on First days by nearly all our members — Those in the middle of the week, both for worship and discipline are neglected by many; one meeting reports an improvement in these respects — The hour is nearly observed by most Friends; some appearance of sleeping in a few — Mostly preserved from other unbecoming behavior —

Ans. 2 — Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained, and detraction guarded against, yet we are sensible of deficiency in these respects — Endeavors have been used to end differences —

Ans. 3 — We believe there is a concern with Friends to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt Conversation; and to be exemplary themselves; yet we are sensible of falling short, in these respects — We believe the Holy Scriptures are read in all Friends families, and frequently in most of them —

Ans. 4th — We believe the use of Spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes, except in one or two cases, and that the unnecessary frequenting of taverns & places of public resort is mostly avoided — Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions refered to —

Ans. 5th — The circumstances of the poor have been attended to — No children placed out from among Friends —

Ans. 6th — Most Friends have a care that all proceedings with respect to marriage, are conformable to discipline, although violations sometimes occur —

Ans. 7th — We know of no violation of our discipline in the several parts of this Query, except one or two instances of a military nature, and a few instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry — One monthly meeting answers clear —

Ans. 8th — Nearly clear in the several parts of this Query —

Ans. 9th — Clear with regard to records; Nearly clear as to certificates —

Ans. 10th. There is a care to deal with offenders as queried after — We think judgment has been placed according to discipline —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 15th of 8th Mo 1867

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named are— For Salem, Moses F. Rogers James Oliver William Chase Jabez Wood Jacob Purrinton William C. Newhall & Jonathan Buxton.
For Seabrook, Newell Cochran Daniel Beede & Moses Huntington.
For Weare, Nathan Sawyer Abijah Johnson, Jonathan Breed Daniel Page & David Gove; who being called are all present but one, who is prevented from being here by sickness in his family.

The Committee to consider of persons for clerks, propose that Joseph J. Newhall be appointed clerk, and William C. Newhall assistant: which being approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year.

Our beloved friends David E. Bennett from Butternut Monthly Meeting N.Y. Robert W. Douglas from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting Ohio, Daniel McPherson from Gilead Monthly Meeting Missouri, Newell Hoxie from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Hannah B. Frye from Marlboro Monthly Meeting N.Y. Lydia A. Maccomber from Farmington Monthly Meeting N.Y. Abigail B. Keller from Greenwich Monthly Meeting Ohio, attended this meeting and produced certificates from those meetings expressing unity with them, in their proposed visit amongst us; their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Joseph Maccomber from Farmington Monthly Meeting, companion to his wife Lydia A. Maccomber and Hanah C. Johnson from Marlboro Monthly Meeting companion to Hannah B. Frye attending this meeting, and produced minutes of concurrence from those Meetings, their company has been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read with the required answers thereto.
By the account from Seabrook Monthly Meeting we are informed, that they are united in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the ministry, of Mercy S. Miliken, with which this meeting unites, the Womens Quarterly Meeting also uniting therewith.
The clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Our beloved friend Newell Ordway opened in this meeting a prospect that has for some time past accompanied his mind of attending the approaching Yearly Meeting of Iowa, and of performing such religious service amongst Friends and others within its limits, and on his way going and returning, as set forth in a certificate granted him by Seabrook Monthly Meeting, which has been read. His concern after a time of serious consideration was united with by this meeting, and he was encouraged to pursue his prospect, as Truth may direct. We certify in his behalf that he is a member of this meeting, and a minister in unity. We commend him to the care and sympathy of Friends with whom his lot may be cast, desiring that when his service is accomplished, he may return with the reward of peace. The clerk is directed to endorse the foregoing minute on his certificate and sign it on our behalf.

The report of our Yearly Meeting's Committee in charge of the Boarding School, has been received and read. The clerk informs that copies have been sent to our Monthly Meetings.

The clerk informs that he has received 400 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which he has forwarded to our Monthly Meetings.

The clerk also informs that he has received 500 copies of the London printed Epistle, for 1866 which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings. The reading of a copy thereof has been deferred to our next quarterly Meeting.

It appears by an extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is $600. Our several Monthly Meetings are directed to pay their proportions to Charles F. Coffin Treasurer of this meeting. Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion is $360. Seabrook's $108. Weare's $132.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting, inform they all attended.

An essay for a returning minute for our friend David M. Bennett has been read and approved, The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy thereof, also similar ones to Robert W. Douglas Daniel McPherson & Newell Hoxie, and sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

An essay for a returning minute for our friend Joseph Maccomber has been read and approved. the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting.

Essays for returning minutes for our friends Hannah S. Frye, Lydia A. Maccomber Abigail B. Kelley, and Hannah E. Johnson have been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The business being closed at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Weare, in the 10th Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Jos. [illegible] Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Weare 10th Mo. 17th 1867.

By accounts received from our Monthly meetings the representatives therein named are For Salem Moses F. Rogers Samuel Boyce Jabez Ward William A. Brown Stephen A. Chase Joseph S. Nichols and Joshua Buxton Jr.
For Seabrook Josiah D. Challis Newell Ordway and John L. Folsom.
For Weare Nathan Breed Micajah Peaslee Herod Chase and Franklin F. Huntingdon who are all present.

Our beloved friend Newell Ordway, at this time returned the minute granted him in 8th Mo last, to attend Iowa Yearly Meeting, and to perform other religious service, he informed this Meeting that he had been enabled to accomplish the service required of him to the peace of his mind.
He produced a returning minute from Iowa Yearly Meeting, expressing satisfaction with his company and gospel labors among them.

The London printed epistle for 1866 has been read to our comfort, and we trust to the religious encouragement of all.

Our beloved friend Nathan Douglas attended this Meeting, with a copy of a minute from Durham Monthly Meeting, expressing their unity with him in his proposed religious visit among us, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The queries have been read with the required answers thereto.

Our beloved friend Mary J. Meader attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from Bloomington Monthly Meeting Iowa, expressing their unity with her in her prospect of a visit among us, her company has been acceptable to us.

Essays for returning minutes for our friends Nathan Douglas and Mary J. Meader were read and approved, the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

The business having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Salem, at the usual time in the First Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
Joseph J. Newhall Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem first Month 16th 1868

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are For Salem David Osborn John Ward Jon^a [illegible] Benjamin Scribner and William A. [illegible] For Seabrook Thomas Folsom Newell Ordway and Daniel [illegible]. For Weare, Moses Sawyer Franklin [illegible] Huntington John Page and William [illegible] who are all present.

The Queries have been read with the required answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

The business having been accomplished we conclude, adjourning to meet again at Seabrook at the usual time, in the 8th Month

Joseph P. [illegible] Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 5th Mo 28th 1868

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named are,

For Salem, William S. Boyce Daniel Osborn Nathan Breed Moses F. Rogers William Chase, Jabez Wood David Osborne & Benjamin H. Jones,

For Seabrook Moses Huntingdon Thomas Folsom & Newell Ordway,

For Weare Thomas W. Thorndike Franklin F. Huntingdon & John Page, who are all present except one,

The Queries have been read at this time with the answers thereto, from which a summary has been prepared for our next Yearly Meeting which we forward by, Newell Ordway John H. Crosman, Nathan Breed of Lynn John Page Charles F. Coffin William A. Brown Samuel Boyce, Josiah Q. Chase Jabez Wood Moses F. Rogers Daniel Bedee & Moses Sawyer whom we appoint as our representatives thereto, Salem Monthly Meeting informs us that Aris Keene a Minister of that Meeting deceased 13th of 10th Mo 1867, aged nearly eighty seven years.

Testimonies concerning our late beloved friends Mary Chase of Salem and Aris Keene of Lynn have been received from Salem Monthly Meeting, which have been approved, by this and the womens Meetings. The clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting and forward them to the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Treasurer of this Meeting has been directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

An essay for a report to our next Yearly Meeting has been read and approved, the clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

Business being finished we conclude, purposing to meet at Lynn, the usual time in 8th Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Joseph B. Mendall Clerk

Summary Answers

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except twelve omissions in two small First Day Meetings, mostly on account of the inclemency of the weather. Those on First Days by nearly all of our members: those held in the middle of the week both for worship and discipline continue to be neglected by many.

Ans 1st com The hour has been nearly observed: a few appearances of sleeping; nearly clear of other unbecoming behavior.

Ans 2nd We believe there is a good degree of love and unity maintained among us, though they appear to be wanting with a few; detraction is mostly guarded against, but more care in this respect is needed, When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

Ans 3rd We believe there is a concern with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and we endeavor to be examplary herein ourselves, yet we are sensible that more religious concern is needed. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4th The use of Spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes so far as we know except in one instance which is under notice. Places of public resort mostly avoided: careful in the other parts of this query.

5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and care taken in the education of their children. None placed out from among Friends

Ans 6th We believe there is a care with most Friends to maintain the discipline with respect to marriages yet some proceedings therein have not been in accordance therewith.

Ans 7th Careful in these respects, except a few instances of contributing towards a paid Ministry.

Ans 8th We believe that Friends are generally careful to observe the requisitions of this query, though one answers says, "not wholly clear" in which care has been taken.

Ans 9th Our records are attended to; a few removals without certificates, under notice.
Ans 10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in good measure agreeable to this order, but not so seasonable in some cases as would have been best. We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline.

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 8th Mo 20th 1868.

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the representatives from those Meetings to this, are

From Salem, Jabez Wood Edward P. Little Ezra B. Johnson Jonathan Buxton & Joseph S. Nichols

From Seabrook. Thomas Folsom Josiah D. Chellis Daniel Bedee & Robert L. Brown.

From Weare, Abijah Johnson John Page Moses Sawyer & Zephaniah Breed, who are all present

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the representatives proposed Joseph P. Newhall for clerk and Wm C. Newhall for assistant, which being approved they are appointed to that service for one year.

Our beloved friends Wm H. Chase from Scipio Monthly Meeting N. Y. Edward C. Loring from Goshen Monthly Meeting Logan Co Ohio, and Newell Hoxie from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass, attended this meeting, and produced minutes from their several Meetings, expressing unity with them in their proposed religious visit among us. their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend John W. Jay attended this Meeting, with a copy of a minute from Raysvill Monthly Meeting Henry Co Indiana, expressing unity with him in his prospect of accompanying Edward C. Young in his proposed religious visit to us. his company has been acceptable.

Our beloved Friend Eunice Winslow from St Albans Monthly Meeting Me, attended this meeting, with a copy of a minute from that Meeting, showing their unity with her in her prospect of paying us a religious visit. her company and religious services have been acceptable.

Our beloved friend Lavina M. Briggs attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting Me, expressing unity with her prospect of accompanying Eunice Winslow on her proposed religious visit to us, her company has been acceptable.

The Queries have been read, with the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

There has been received from our Yearly Meeting 325 copies of its printed minutes. 12 copies of the report of our Boarding School Committee, which has been read to our satisfaction, and 500 copies of the London printed Epistle for 1867. which we forward to our Monthly Meetings.

By an extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which has been read, it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is $1200 — Salem Mo Meetings proportion 60 pr ct is $720. Seabrooks 18 pr ct $216. Weare's 22 pr ct is $264, which they are directed to pay to Charles F. Coffin the Treasurer of this Meeting.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended, except two, for whose absence sufficient reasons have been given.

Returning minutes of behalf of Wm H. Chase, Edward C. Young Sewell Hoxie Eunice Winslow John W. Fay and Lavinia M. Briggs have been read and approved. The clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

The business having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again in Weare at the usual time in the 10th Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Joseph P. Newhall Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 11th Mo 15th 1868

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that they have appointed as their representatives, to this Meeting, as follows viz From Salem, William Chase Jabez Wood Benjamin Scribner Charles F. Coffin Jonathan Buxton Moses F. Rogers & Joseph S. Nichols.

From Seabrook Edward Gove, Newell Ordway & Thomas Folsom, From Weare Lindley H. Osborne, Nathan Sawyer (of Heniker) Herod Chase and Micajah Peasler, who are all present.

Our beloved friend Joshua Douglass from Durham Monthly Meeting Me., Hewett Hoxie from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass, Albert S. Payson from Smithfield Monthly Meeting R. I. & Joseph H. Pratt from Dover Monthly Meeting N.H. attended this meeting with certificates of unity from their respective Meetings, in their prospect of a religious visit to us, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Charles H. Goddard from Durham Mo Meeting as companion to Joshua Douglass, and Martha E. Pratt from Dover Mo Meeting as companion to her husband Joseph H. Pratt, attended this Meeting, with copies of Minutes from their respective Meetings expressing unity with them in such service, their company has been acceptable.

The Queries have been read with the required answers, from our several Monthly Meetings

The London printed epistle for 1867 has been read, causing us renewedly to appreciate the value of the Christian Bond that unites us to our distant brethren, which these messages of Gospel Love tend to strengthen.

Our beloved friend Lucy G. Payson from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, attended this Meeting, with a copy of a Minute from that Meeting, expressing their unity with her accompanying her husband Albert S. Payson on his religious visit among us.

her company has been acceptable.

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Joshua Douglass Newell Hoxie Albert S. Payson Joseph H. Pratt, Charles W. Goddard Martha E. Pratt & Lucy G. Payson have been read and approved. The clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

The business having been accomplished, we conclude purposing to meet again in Salem at the usual time in first Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Joseph P. Newhall Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 1st Mo 21st 1869

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that they have appointed as their representatives to this Meeting the following named Friends

From Salem John Henry Goodman, Jonathan Buxton Ezra B. Johnson William A. Brown and William Chase.

From Seabrook Thomas Folsom Moses Huntington and Newell Ordway.

From Weare Samuel Page Franklin T. Huntingdon and Moses Sawyer, who are all present.

The queries have been read with the required answers thereto, from our several Monthly Meetings.

Weare Monthly Meeting proposes the following changes in holding their Monthly Meetings. Viz That the meeting which has been held at Unity, in the 9th Month be held at Henniker. That the meeting which has been held at Henniker in the 12th Month, be held at our South Meeting house in Weare, and the Meeting in the 10th Month be changed from the South to the north meeting house in Weare, with which this meeting unites, the womens meeting concurring therein, The clerk is directed to inform Weare Monthly Meeting of the action of this Meeting.

We have received at this time from the Meeting for Sufferings 525 copies of Memorials of deceased Friends, which we forward to our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved Friend Caroline E. Talbot from Short Creek Monthly Meeting Ohio attended this Meeting, and presented a certificate, from that Meeting, endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting, of their unity with her in her prospect of a religious visit among us, her company and religious services have been acceptable.

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth T. Hobson attended this Meeting as companion to Caroline E. Talbot, with a copy of a minute from Smithfield Monthly Meeting Ohio, expressing their unity with her in attending to that service, her company has been acceptable.

Returning minutes on behalf of our friends Caroline H. Talbot and Elizabeth F. Hobson have been read and approved, the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting;

Business having been accomplished, we conclude purposing to meet again in Amesbury, at the usual time in the 5th Mo next.

Joseph P. Newhall Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 5th Mo 27th 1869.

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the representatives from their meetings to this, are

For Salem Jonathan Buxton: Benjamin Dorcher John H. Crosman Moses F. Rogers Jabez Weed and Edward P. Little;

For Seabrook Daniel Beede Joel H. Davis Moses Huntington and Robert L. Brown,

For Weare Josiah D. Chase Daniel Paige and John Paige, who are all present.

The queries have been read at this time with answers from our Monthly Meetings, from which a summary has been prepared, for our next Yearly Meeting, which we forward by our friends Thomas Folsom Daniel Beede Moses Huntington Moses F. Rogers, Wm C. Newhall

John Paige Nathan Breed of Lynn Josiah D. Chase and Samuel Boyce, whom we appoint as our representatives.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that Daniel Gove a member and Elder of that Meeting deceased 25th of 4th Mo 1869, aged 89 years & 13 days.

Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbot who was with us in the 1st Mo last, attended this Meeting, and her certificate has again been read, Her company and religious services have been acceptable.

Our esteemed friend John Paige spread before this Meeting a concern which had for sometime rested on his mind. To attend the next Canada Yearly Meeting, and to appoint some Meetings within its limits, also some meetings in New York Yearly Meeting, as expressed in a certificate granted him by Weare Monthly Meeting, which has been read, which after a time of solid consideration, was united with: We certify in his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting and a minister in unity with us, and recommend him to the Christian care and sympathy of Friends, desiring that he may be enabled to perform the service he feels called to, under the guidance of Heavenly Wisdom, and to return with the reward of peace.

An essay for a report to our next Quarterly Meeting has been read, and the clerk directed to sign it behalf of this Meeting.

Returning Minutes on behalf of our friends Caroline E. Talbot, and her companion Elizabeth T. Hobson have been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The business having been accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet again in Lynn, at the usual time in 8th Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Joseph O. Newhall Clerk

Summary Answers to the Queries

1st

Our Meetings for worship and discipline have all been attended, except one omission of a meeting for worship, owing to the impassable state of the roads, and a few omissions in another small First Day meeting: those on First Days generally by most of our members, while the attendance has been much smaller upon those held in the middle of the week, most friends are careful to observe the hour, nearly clear of unbecoming behavior, except a few instances of sleeping.

2nd

We believe there is a good degree of love and unity maintained among us, and that detraction is quite guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences.

3rd

We think there is a care with most friends to train up those under their care in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, also to be exemplary themselves, We believe the Holy Scriptures are read in all our families, and frequently in most of them.

4th

The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes, with one or two exceptions. mostly clear in the other parts of this query,

5th

We believe the several requirements of this query have been nearly observed.

6th

Friends are generally careful in these respects. One Monthly Meeting report some proceedings with respect to marriage have not been in accordance with our discipline, in which some care has been taken.

7th

We know of no violations of the several parts of this query, except a few instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry,

8th

We believe friends are generally careful to observe the requirements of this query, a little exception is reported in one meeting, and some care taken,

9th

Our records have been properly attended to.
There have been a few removals without certificates

10th

Care has been taken to labor with offenders, we trust agreeable to this query, yet we are aware of delay in some instances, We trust judgment has been placed according to our discipline,

8 mo 19th 1869
Lynn
Opening Minute At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 8th Mo 19th 1869

By accounts received from our several Monthly
Rep present Meetings the Representatives therein named are
For Salem William A. Brown, Benjamin H. Jones Jonathan Buxton, Benjamin Scribner Ezra B. Johnson and Joseph S. Nichols.
For Seabrook. Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington, and Thomas Folsom.
For Weare. Abijah Johnson, Franklin T. Huntington, Herod Chase and John Thorndike whose names being called are all present.

Clerks appd The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives have proposed William O. Newhall for Clerk and Jabez Wood for Assistant which being severally approved they are appointed to that service for one year.

Newel Hoxie present Our beloved friend Newell Hoxie attended this Meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass, expressive of unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Queries read The Queries have been read in this Meeting and answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from our Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives
Rep to Y Mt report to our last Yearly Meeting, report that they all attended.

There have been received
Y Mtg minutes recd from our Yearly Meeting 300 copies of its printed

8 Mo 19th 1869

Yly Mtg minutes, 12 copies of the Report of our Boarding
documents School Committee (one of which has been
recd read to our satisfaction,) 350 copies of an
address issued by our Meeting for Sufferings
to our own Members, 500 copies of an address
from the same Meeting to the Professors of
the Christian Religion also 450 copies of
the London Printed Epistle for 1868 all of
which the Clerk informs have been for-
-warded to our several Monthly Meetings in
Reading of their usual proportions. The reading of the London
Epistle defer'd Printed Epistle is deferred to our next Quarterly Mt.

By an extract from our last Yearly Meeting
Yly Mt which has been read, it appears that our
quota of proportion of Yearly Meeting stock is $1500
stock and as a proposition has come from two
of our Monthly Meetings that a New appor-
tionment be entered into at this time, we
Com appd appoint Moses F. Rogers, William O. Newhall
on New Nathan Breed, Thomas Folsom, Josiah D. Challis
apportiont Moses Huntington, Herod Chase, John Thorndike
and Joseph Hoag a Committee to take the
subject into consideration and report to
our next Quarterly Meeting.

Ret Minute A returning minute on behalf of our Friend
for N. Hoxie Newell Hoxie has been read and approved
and the Clerk is directed to sign it
on our behalf.

Closing The business having been accomplished,
Minute we conclude proposing to meet again at
Weare at the usual time in the 10th Mo
next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William O. Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Weare 10th Mo 21st 1869

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are -
For Salem, Moses F. Rogers, Samuel P. Johnson, David Osborne, William A. Brown and Wm Chase.

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington, Daniel Beede, & John L. Folsom.

For Weare, Herod Chase, Daniel Paige, David B. Leighton and Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, whose names being called were all present except one for the absence of whom a sufficient reason has been given.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our Monthly Meetings -

The London Printed Epistle for 1868 has been read to our edification and comfort and the instructive counsel therein contained is commended to our prayerful consideration.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends Eliza H. Varney with a Minute of concurrence from West Lake Monthly Meeting held 8th Mo 19th, endorsed by West Lake Four Months Meeting, Province of Ontario Canada, held 10th Mo 2d 1869 and Elisabeth C. Wing with a Minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass, held 9th Mo 3d. 1869, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their Company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed friends Stephen R. Wing husband and Companion to our friend Elisabeth C. Wing and Catherine J. Saylor companion to our friend Eliza H. Varney also attended this Meeting and have produced minutes from their respective Monthly Meetings expressive of unity with them as members and with their present engagement, their company has been acceptable to us.

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to consider the subject of a new apportionment not being prepared to report at this time are continued.

Our beloved friend John Paige has at this time returned the minute granted him in the 5th month last to perform religious service within the limits of New York and Canada Yearly Meetings with the information that he was enabled to perform the visit as far as way opened for it, to the satisfaction and peace of his own mind, he has also produced a returning minute from Canada Yearly Meeting and from several Monthly Meetings belonging thereto, all of which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

Returning minutes on behalf of Eliza H. Varney, Elizabeth C. Wing and Catherine J. Saylor prepared by the Womens Quarterly Meeting have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to furnish Stephen R. Wing with a minute of similar tenor to that prepared for Catherine J. Saylor and sign them on our behalf.

The business having been accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 1st Mo next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William O Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 1st Mo 20th 1870

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are;

For Salem, Jabez Wood, John H, Crosman, Wm Chase, Jonathan Buxton, Samuel Boyce and Gilbert C. Hoag.

For Seabrook, Joel H. Davis, Newell Ordway and Daniel Beede.

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, Moses Sawyer and John Paige whose names being called are all present.

Our beloved Friend Jonathan Brown attended this meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Gilead Monthly Meeting, Ohio, held 10th Mo 19th and Endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting held 11th Mo 6th 1869, expressive of unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagement; His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

The committee to take into consideration the subject of a new apportionment is still further continued.

Our beloved Friend Newell Ordway informed this Meeting, that he believed it right for him to endeavor to perform a religious visit to Friends and others within the limits of North Carolina Yearly Meeting and such other service whilst there and on the way going and returning, as way may open for, as expressed in a certificate granted him by Seabrook Monthly Meeting, which has been read. Which claiming the weighty consideration of this Meeting, is united with and he is encouraged to pursue his prospect under the guidance of the Head of the Church – we certify on his behalf, that he is a Member of this Meeting and a Minister in good esteem among us. And the Clerk is directed to endorse the foregoing minute on the certificate of Seabrook Monthly Meeting and sign it on our behalf.

A returning Minute on behalf of our friend Jonathan Brown has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf

The business having been accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at Amesbury in the 5th Mo next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William O. Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Amesbury 5th Mo 26th 1870

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are,
For Salem, Jonathan Buxton, James Peetfield, Wm A. Brown, Samuel Boyce, John H. Crosman Edward P. Little and Jabez Wood.
For Seabrook, Thomas Folsom, Moses Huntington and Newell Ordway.
For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Moses Sawyer, John F. Chase and Herod Chase.
Whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers from our Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the Sixth Month next — to which we appoint our friends Thomas Folsom, Newell Ordway, Herod Chase, Wm O. Newhall, Moses Huntington Moses F. Rogers, Augustine Jones, Jabez Wood, Nathan Breed, Moses Sawyer and Wm A. Brown our representatives.

Our Beloved Friend Caroline E. Talbott attended this Meeting and produced a Minute of concurrence from Short Creek Monthly Meeting endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting Ohio, expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement, — we have also the company of our Beloved Friend Hannah G. Sawyer Companion to Caroline E. Talbott with a Minute from Dover Monthly Meeting N. H. expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present en

-gagement. Their company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable and Edifying to us.

The Committee appointed in the Eighth Month last to take into consideration the subject of a new apportionment, report, That the Committee have several times met and have been unable to agree upon any change at this time and propose that the committee be discontinued with which this meeting unites, and our Several Monthly Meetings are therefore directed to forward to Charles F. Coffin the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of the amount called for by the Yearly Meeting viz Fifteen Hundred Dollars,

Salem Monthly Meeting's proportion				60 p ct	= 900.
Seabrook	"	"	"	18 p ct	= 270.
Weare	"	"	"	22 p ct	= 330
					$ 1500.

And the Treasurer of this Meeting is directed to forward to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars as called for.

This Meeting believing that a clear understanding was not obtained at our last Yearly Meeting in reference to a new apportionment are united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to again consider the subject also that the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be requested to make a detailed Statement of his accounts.

Our Beloved Friend Newell Ordway at this time returned the Minute granted him in the First Month last, to perform religious service within the limits of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; He informs this Meeting, that he has attended nearly all the Meetings belonging to North Carolina Yearly Meeting and several meetings on the way going and returning, and has produced returning Minutes from several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings expressive of unity and satisfaction with his visit amongst them.

The Select Quarterly Meeting proposes to change the place of holding the Select Quarterly Meeting in the First Month from Salem to Lynn and from South Weare in the Tenth Month to North Weare also changing the hour in all our Select Quarterly Meetings from Eleven to Ten O'clk A.M. with which this Meeting unites and the Clerk is directed to forward the request to the Yearly Meeting, the Womens Quarterly Meeting uniting herein.

Salem Monthly Meeting requests that their Monthly Meeting in the Sixth Month should be changed to Fourth Day before the Second Sixth Day at 10 O'clk A.M. and Weare Monthly Meeting requests that their Monthly Meeting in the Sixth Month be changed to the Third Day preceeding the Second Fifth Day; with which this Meeting unites and the changes are accordingly made and the Clerk is directed to inform those Monthly Meetings, the Women's Quarterly Meeting uniting herein.

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that that Meeting is united in appointing Robert L. Brown and Mary Alice Brown to the station of Elder, which, after a time of solid consideration is united with by this and the Womens Quarterly Meeting and they are accordingly appointed to that station and the

Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Returning Minutes prepared by the Womens Quarterly Meeting for our friends Caroline E. Talbott and Hannah G. Sawyer have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

An Essay for a report to our Yearly Meeting has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

The business having been accomplished we conclude proposing to Meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the 8th Month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Summary Answers to the Queries

1st

All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, with the exception of ten omissions, which have occurred in two very small Meetings for worship, and on First-Days by the greater part of our Members: those in the middle of the week, both for worship and discipline, continue to be neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed, mostly preserved from sleeping. We know of no other unbecoming behavior when met.

2nd

Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained with a little exception from one Preparative Meeting. Detraction mostly guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences when they have arisen.

3d ″

Most friends have a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness and to guard against pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and endeavor to be examplary in these respects themselves: but we think that More religious concern herein is needed. The Holy Scriptures are read in our families and frequently in most of them.

4th ″

The use of spirituous liquors is confined to Medicinal purposes so far as we know with one or two occasional exceptions: and the unnecessary frequenting of places of public resort mostly avoided, Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to.

5th ″

We believe that the several requisitions of this query have been observed.

6th ″

Generally careful in these respects.

7th ″

Our testimony is Maintained with regard to the several requisitions of this query

8th ″

Careful with a little exception reported from one Preparative Meeting.

9th ″

Our records have been attended to. A few removals without certificates.

10th ″

Care has been taken to deal with offenders, yet not so seasonably in all cases as queried after. Judgment has been placed we trust, according to discipline.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 8th Mo 18th 1870

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Joshua Buxton J. David Osborne, Peter M. Neal, John Bailey and Albert Breed.

For Seabrook, Moses Huntington, Newell Ordway, John L. Folsom, and Charles H. Jones

For Weare, Abijah Johnson, Franklin T. Huntington, Zephaniah Breed and John Breed, whose names being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the representatives propose the name of Wm O. Newhall for Clerk and Jabez Wood for Assistant, which being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year.

We have at this time with us our beloved friends David H. Bennett with a minute from Butternutts Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Butternutts Quarterly Meeting New York & Lemuel Gifford with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious Engagements, their company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford attended this Meeting, with a Minute of Concurrence from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

We have also the acceptable Company of our esteemed friend Isaac R. Gifford an Elder, husband and companion to Phebe R. Gifford. with a Minute of unity from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they all attended.

Two of our Monthly Meetings report they have paid to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer the sums called for and one that they have paid Two Hundred and ten Dollars of the Two Hundred and Seventy as directed by the Quarterly Meeting.

By an Extract from our last Yearly Mt- which has been read, it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock is Ten Hundred and Fifty Dollars which our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay to Charles F. Coffin our Treasurer in their usual proportions,

Salem's Quota	60 per ct =	630.	
Seabrook's "	18 " "	189.	
Weare's "	22 " "	231.	$1050.

The Clerk informs that he has received from our Yearly Meeting 300 copies of its printed Minutes, 700 copies of the London Printed Epistle for 1869; and several copies of the Boarding School committee's report (one of which has been read to our satisfaction) all of which have been sent down to our several Monthly Meeting for distribution.

The following Minute from the Yearly Meeting has been read,
viz – "In order that a correct list of the Members of our Meeting of Ministers and Elders may be kept upon our records, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to report the names next year, of all the Ministers and Elders within their limits, and they are requested to report annually in addition to our present practice, all the names of those who remove without the limits of our Yearly Meeting, and of those who remove within the limits of each Quarterly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Mt–
Samuel Boyce
Clerk"

and our several Monthly Meeting are requested to furnish the Quarterly Meeting in the Fifth Month next, the information therein called for.

We have also received from the Yearly Meeting the following minute which has been read —

viz, "The Meeting was introduced into exercise on behalf of those who have been in Membership with us, but on various accounts have lost that right, and also for the descendants of such and for other non-members who manifest an attachment to Friends by attending our Meetings;- and under a belief that a responsibility rests upon us, and a religious duty is required of us towards such, Monthly Meeting were encouraged to appoint committees to visit them in the spirit of restoring love, and labor with them, in the ability afforded, in order to bring them into the bosom of the church, manifesting the interest and solicitude of Moses towards Hobab, his brother-in-law, witnessed by the kind invitation, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

Signed on behalf of the M-
Samuel Boyce
Clerk"

and our Monthly Meeting are encouraged to appoint committees as indicated in the above Minute.

The reading of the London Printed Epistle is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Returning Minutes on behalf of our friends David H. Bennett and Lemuel Gifford have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

A returning minute on behalf of our friend Phebe R. Gifford prepared by the womens Quarterly Meeting has been read and approved.

A returning minute on behalf of Isaac R. Gifford has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10th Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William O. Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10th Mo 20th 1870

By accounts received from our Several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are; For Salem — Wm A. Brown, Nathan Breed, David Osborne, Wm Chase, Samuel P. Johnson, Joseph S. Nichols and Hiram Gove.
For Seabrook — Thomas Folsom, Newell Ordway, Wm F. Vining and Josiah D. Challis.
For Weare, Herod Chase, Nathan Breed John Thorndike, Franklin T. Huntington, and David Gove whose names being called were all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason is given.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

Our Beloved friend Daniel Beede a Minister in unity with us, laid before this Meeting a prospect which for a long time has accompanied his mind, of visiting as way may open for it in the truth, Friends and others within the limits of Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting State of Vermont; which after a time of solid consideration is fully united with and he is encouraged to pursue his prospect under the guidance of the Great Head of the Church and the Clerk is directed to make this endorsement upon the minute furnished him by Seabrook Monthly Meeting.

The London Printed Epistle for 1869 has been read to our satisfaction and encouragement.

The business being closed at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 1st Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 1st Mo 19th 1871

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are. For Salem – Joseph S. Nichols, Benjamin Scribner, Peter M. Neal, Hiram Gove and Philip Chase.

For Seabrook – Moses Huntington, Newell Ordway and Thomas Folsom –

For Weare - Abijah Johnson, John Thorndike,
Simon G. Gove and Moses Sawyer,
whose names being called are all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Sarah W. Farr attended this Meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Litchfield Monthly Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Noah Farr attended this Meeting as husband and companion to our friend Sarah W. Farr, and has produced a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, informing that he is an Elder in unity, his company has been acceptable to us.

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that that Meeting is united in appointing Abby W. Pratt and Lydia B. Gove to the station of Elders, which after a time of consideration is united with by this and the Womens Quarterly Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Seabrook Monthly Meeting proposes that the following changes be made in the time and place of holding some of their Monthly Meetings - Viz - That the Mo Mt held at Seabrook in the 8th Mo, be held at Amesbury, and the one held at Pittsfield in the 6th Mo be held at Seabrook on the 1st Fifth Day of the Month, except when the Mo commences on Sixth Day, then it should be held the next Third Day at 10 O'clk A.M. They also propose that the select Preparative Meeting held at Seabrook in the 8th Mo be held in future at Amesbury, which claiming our consideration is united with by this and the Womens Q. Mt; and the changes are accordingly made and the clerk is directed to inform Seabrook Mo Mt of our action in the case —

A returning Minute prepared by the Womens Q. Mt on behalf of Sarah W. Farr has been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

A returning Minute for our friend Noah Farr has been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

Our beloved friend Daniel Beede at this time returned the Minute granted him in the 10th Mo last, to perform a religious visit within the limits of Ferrisburgh Q. Mt. He informed this Mt that he had been enabled to perform the visit to the peace of his own mind.

This Meeting is informed that the Mt-House in South Weare where our Quarterly Meeting is held is out of repair. We accordingly appoint Charles F. Coffin, Simon G. Gove, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Daniel Paige, Daniel Beede, Wm F. Vining, Thomas Folsom Moses Sawyer and John F. Chase a committee to consider the subject and report their judgement thereon at our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Amesbury in the 5th Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 5th Mo 25th 1871

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are,

For Salem. Samuel Boyce, James Oliver, Stephen Beede, Jonathan Buxton and Wm. Chase.
For Seabrook, Moses Alton Bailey, Robert L. Brown, Thomas Folsom and Joel H. Davis.
For Weare, Daniel Paige, Franklin T. Huntington and Moses Sawyer.

Whose names being called are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers from our several Monthly Meetings from which a summary has been prepared believed to be descriptive of our present state, which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends, John H. Crosman, Thomas Folsom Wm. A. Brown, Moses F. Rogers. Josiah D. Challis, Wm. O. Newhall, Stephen Beede, Joshua Buxton Jr, and Moses Sawyer whom we appoint our representatives to said Meeting.

Our beloved Friend Daniel Beede laid before this Meeting a prospect which has for a considerable time rested upon his mind of attending Canada Yearly Meeting, and of making a Religious visit to Friends and others within its limits and a few meetings within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting as way may open for it in the Truth, as expressed in the minute granted him by Seabrook Monthly Meeting. Which after a time of consideration is fully united with by this Meeting and he is encouraged to pursue his prospect under the guidance of Him, who putteth forth his own servants and goeth before them. And the Clerk is directed to make this Endorsement upon the Minute aforesaid, and certify that he is a member of this Meeting and a Minister in good Esteem with us.

The Select Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting in the 1st Month be changed from 10. O'clk A.M to 3. O'clk P.M. which is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting for further consideration.

Our beloved Friend Abigail M. Hanson spread before this Meeting a prospect of attending the approaching Yearly Meeting of Canada and some Meetings within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting as set forth in a Minute granted her by Seabrook Monthly Meeting, which after a time of consideration is fully united with and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as way may open for in the Truth, she being a member of this Meeting and a Minister in unity, and the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting, the indorsement upon the Minute aforesaid prepared by the womens Quarterly Meeting, which has been read and approved.

The committee appointed to consider the subject of repairing the Meeting-house at South Weare, have made the following report viz. "The Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to consider the subject of the Meeting-house at South Weare, recommend the appropriation of Three Hundred & Fifty Dollars by the Quarterly Meeting towards the repairs of that Meeting-house, provided the same is completed substantially in accordance with a Memorandum herewith presented.

Amesbury 5th Mo 24th 1871
For the Committee
Charles F. Coffin"

Which is satisfactory to this Meeting and our Treasurer is directed ~~to pay the sum~~ of Three Hundred and Fifty—Dollars towards defraying the expenses of the proposed changes when they shall have been made.

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed Mahaleth G. Jones to the station of Elder with which this and the Women's Quarterly Meeting unites and she is accordingly appointed to that station, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Salem and Weare Monthly Meetings have directed their Treasurers to pay their proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, and Seabrook Monthly Meeting has directed that a portion only of theirs should be paid; and the subject of a new apportionment again coming before this Meeting, we appoint our friends William A. Brown, Charles F. Coffin, Owen Dame, William F. Vining, John L. Folsom, Jonathan H. Osborn, John F. Chase, Daniel Paige and Franklin T. Huntington to take the subject into consideration and report their judgement thereon at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that they have established a Meeting for worship in the City of Boston, to be held under the care of a committee, on First and Fourth Days.

Our Monthly Meetings have furnished lists of the members of our Meeting of Ministers and Elders as called for by minute of the 8th Mo last.

An Essay for a report to our next Yearly Meeting has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the 8th Mo next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Summary Answers to the Queries

1st

Our Meetings for worship and discipline have all been attended, except 7 omissions in two small First-Day Meetings in one Monthly Meeting, occasioned by ill health and inclement weather, and in another

Monthly Meeting 5 omissions in a very small Meeting. Those on First=Days generally by Most of our Members; Those held in the middle of the week both for worship and discipline are neglected by Many. The hour is nearly observed by Most friends. Mostly preserved from unbecoming behavior, except a few instances of sleeping.

2nd "

We believe there is a good degree of love and unity maintained among us, and that detraction is generally guarded against. Care is taken to end differences

3d "

We believe there is a care with Most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and Corrupt conversation and to be good examples herein themselves, yet we are sensible that More care is needed in the several parts of this Query. The Holy Scriptures are we believe frequently read in friends families

4th "

The use of spirituous liquors we believe is confined to Medicinal purposes with 2 exceptions, and the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort are avoided by Most friends. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to.

5th

The circumstances of the poor have been attended to. No children placed out from among friends.

6th

Mostly Careful in these respects except three Marriages not according to Discipline, 2 of which are under notice.

7th

We believe friends are careful to Maintain their testimony in the several parts of this Query - except a few instances reported in one answer of contributing to a paid Ministry, and one instance of the appearance of a violation of our testimony in regard to the payment of duties, which is under notice.

8th

Careful, with a little exception reported from one Preparative Meeting.

9th

Care has been taken in regard to records; a few removals without certificates.

10th

Care has been taken to deal with offenders, we trust, in good measure agreeable to this Query, yet some delay is reported in timely dealing. Judgement, we believe has been placed according to discipline.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 8th Mo 17th 1871.

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are

For Salem, Nathan Breed, Joseph S. Nichols, James Oliver, Owen Dame, Moses F. Rogers and Joshua Buxton Jr

For Seabrook, Stephen Swett, Robert L. Brown and Daniel Beede.

For Weare, Moses Sawyer, Joseph Hoag, Abijah Johnson and Herod Chase whose names being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the representatives propose the name of Wm O. Newhall for Clerk and Jabez Wood for Assistant Clerk, which having been severally approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they all attended.

The proposition from the Select Quarterly Meeting in reference to a change of hour in holding one of their Meetings again claiming our consideration, we are united in proposing to our next Yearly Mt that the change be made, The Womens Quarterly Meeting uniting herein.

The Clerk informs that he has received from the Clerk of our Yearly Meeting - 300 copies of its printed Minutes and several copies of the Boarding School report (one of which has been read to our satisfaction) all of which have been sent down to our Monthly Meetings for distribution.

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to consider the subject of a new apportionment not being prepared to report at this time are continued. and by an extract from our last Yearly Meeting as follows, "At New England Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island in the 6th Month 1871. It was concluded to raise the sum of Five thousand dollars $5000. for the service of the Meeting for the ensuing year, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer George Howland Jr their respective proportions of that sum. The quota of Salem Qr Meeting is 21 per ct $1050.

Extracted from the Minutes
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk"

which has been read and we defer assigning our Monthly Meeting apportionments till our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Daniel Beede at this time returned the Minute granted him in the 5th Mo last, to attend Canada Yearly Meeting and friends and others within its limits and some service within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting; and informed this Meeting that he had been enabled to perform the visit - he had in prospect to the peace of his own mind and has given an interesting account of his visit; he has also produced a returning Minute from Canada Yearly Meeting and three Monthly Meetings within its limits; all of which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10th Month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10th Mo 19th 1871

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are.

For Salem. David Osborn, Wm A. Brown, Daniel Paige, Joseph S. Nichols and Moses F. Rogers.

For Seabrook. Joel H. Davis, John L. Folsom and Newell Ordway.

For Weare. Herod Chase, David B. Leighton, Franklin J. Huntington and David Gove, whose names being called they were all present but one for whose absence a sufficient reason has been given.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our Mo Meetings.

The Committee appointed on a new apportionment not being prepared to report is continued.

We are informed that 650 copies of the London Printed Epistle for the year 1870 had been received one of which has been read in this Meeting to our satisfaction and comfort. The copies of the Epistle are directed to be forwarded to our Monthly Meetings as usual.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 1st Month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Salem 1st Mo. 18th 1872.

By the accounts received from our several Mo Meetings the representatives therein named are
For Salem. Charles F. Coffin, Philip Chase, John H. Crosman, Jonathan Buxton, Ezra B. Johnson and Joseph S. Nichols.
For Seabrook. Newell Ordway, Daniel Beede and Thomas Folsom
For Weare. Daniel Paige, Moses Sawyer and Abijah Johnson Whose names being called are all present except one.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friends John Cartland of Windham Monthly Meeting and Freeman Andrews from Durham Monthly Meeting who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our Monthly Meetings.

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Mary Ann Folsom to the station of Elder with which this and the Women's Quarterly Mt unites, and she is accordingly appointed to that station, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Our beloved friend Abigail M. Hanson has at this time returned the Minute granted her in the 5th Mo last to perform religious service within the limits of New York and Canada Yearly Meetings, with information that she had been enabled to perform the visit to the peace of her own mind. She informed that she attended Canada Yearly Meeting from which she has produced a returning; she also subsequently attended 2 quarterly Meetings and one Monthly Meeting in another Quarterly Mt all within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

The committee appointed in the 5th Mo last have made a report, which is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting for further consideration.

A returning minute in favor of our friend John Cartland has been read and approved and it is concluded to furnish one of a similar tenor for our friend Freeman Andrews and sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Amesbury at the usual time in the 5th Mo next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Amesbury 5th mo 23d 1872

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are;
For Salem: Samuel Boyce, Moses F. Rogers, Benjamin Scribner, Jos S. Nichols George Thompson and Joshua Buxton Jr.
For Seabrook: Thomas Folsom, Stephen Swett, Robert L. Brown, Newell Ordway and M. Alton Bailey.
For Weare; Daniel Paige, Moses Sawyer, Charles H. Thorndike and Dennis K. Chase,
whose names being called are all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and answers prepared for the Yearly Meeting which we forward by our Friends Samuel Boyce, Owen Dame, Josiah D. Challis, Thomas Folsom, Daniel Paige of Salem, John Paige, Newell Ordway, Moses Sawyer, Moses F. Rogers and Jabez Wood whom we appoint representatives to said Meeting.

We have at this time the company of our friend Eliza H. Varney with a minute of concurrence from West Lake Monthly Meeting, endorsed by West Lake 4 Months Meeting, expressive of unity with her as a Minister and with her present religious engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

We have also the company of our friends Allen M and Patty G. Dorland companions to our friend Eliza H. Varney with a Minute from West Lake Monthly Meeting informing that they are Elders in unity; their company is very acceptable to us.

Salem Monthly Meeting requests that this Meeting should consider the subject of holding General Meetings for Worship within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, which claiming the serious consideration of this Meeting, we are fully united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting that the subject claim its prayerful consideration.

A returning Minute prepared by the Womens Quarterly Meeting in favor of our friend Eliza H. Varney having been read and approved the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

A returning Minute on behalf of our friends Allen M and Patty G. Dorland has been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

The report of the Committee on a new apportionment presented in the 1st Month last, again claiming our consideration we have concluded to refer the report and the whole subject back to the same committee desiring that they may report to our next Meeting.

The Treasurer of this Meeting is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, our proportion of stock called for by that Meeting.

An essay for a report to our next Yearly Meeting has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to forward it to that Meeting.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the 8th Month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Summary Answers

1st All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been attended except a few instances in two very small Meetings. On First days generally by the greater part of our members. Mid-week Meetings both for worship and discipline continue to be neglected by many. The hour is nearly observed by most Friends. Some appearances of sleeping in a few. Of other unbecoming behavior mostly clear.

2nd Love and unity are pretty well maintained; Detraction not wholly guarded against. We know of no differences amongst us.

3rd We believe there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation and to be good examples herein themselves, yet we believe more religious concern in this direction would be useful. We think the Holy Scriptures are read in all Friends families and frequently in most of them.

4th So far as we know the use of spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes with 4 exceptions. We believe friends are clear as to the un necessary frequenting of taverns; places of public resort are frequented by some of our Members. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to. No children placed out from among friends.

6th A few instances of disorderly Marriages are reported by one Monthly Meeting, and some care taken.

7th There are several instances of our members contributing to a paid Ministry and one case of Military training. We know of no violation of our testimony in the other parts of this query.

8th We trust Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; and have a care in regard to their promises and payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Careful in these respects. except a few removals without certificates.

10th Some care has been taken to deal with offenders agreeable to this query. Judgment has we believe been placed according to discipline

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Lynn 8th Mo 15th 1872.

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meeting the representatives therein named are;

For Salem. Samuel Boyce, Owen Dame, Ezra B. Johnson, John H. Crosman, Joseph S. Nichols and Joshua Buxton Jr.

For Seabrook. Thomas Folsom, Stephen Swett and Robert L. Brown.

For Weare, Charles H. Jones, Herod Chase and Franklin T. Huntington, whose names being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the representatives propose the name of William O. Newhall for Clerk and Charles H. Jones for Assistant Clerk, which being severally approved they are appointed to that service for one year.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford in the course of a religious visit attended this Meeting with a Minute of Concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Moses Huntington a Minister and his wife Elisabeth Huntington an Elder in the course of a social visit, attended this Meeting and have produced a Minute from Collins Monthly Meeting New York. Their company has been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers received from our several Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they all attended except one for whose absence a sufficient reason has been given.

The Committee appointed on a new apportionment have made the following report, viz: "To the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Lynn the 15th inst. The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of a new apportionment among our several Monthly Meetings of our quota of Yearly Meeting stock have attended to their appointment and report as follows —

Salem	70 pr ct	
Seabrook	15 pr ct	
Weare	15 pr ct	
	100	

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Wm A. Brown
Owen Dame
C. F. Coffin
John F. Chase
Daniel Paige
John L. Folsom
Wm F. Vining
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which is satisfactory to this Meeting; and our several Monthly Meetings are directed to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective quotas of last year's stock according to the old apportionment viz

Salem	60 p ct	630.00
Seabrook	18 p ct	189.00
Weare	22 p ct	231.00
		1050.00

and a Minute of our last Yearly Meeting has been read as follows viz, "At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held in the 6th Mo 1872. It is concluded to raise for the service of this Meeting the present year $5000. Dollars: and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer George Howland Jr their respective proportions of that sum.

The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is 21 per ct $1050. Dollars.

Extracted from the Minutes
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk"

our several Monthly Meetings are directed to forward to Charles F. Coffin our Treasurer their proportions according to the new apportionment viz

Salem	70 pr ct	735.00
Seabrook	15 " "	157.50
Weare	15 " "	157.50
	100	$1050.00

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in appointing Franklin J. Huntington and Lavina G. Huntington to the station of Elder, which claiming our serious consideration is united with by this and the Womens Quarterly Meeting, and they are appointed accordingly and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Our beloved friend Daniel Beede a Minister with whom we have unity, spread before this Meeting a prospect of attending Iowa Yearly Meeting and the opening of Kansas Yearly Meeting and some other religious service as expressed in a certificate furnished him by Seabrook Monthly Meeting which has been read. After a time of serious deliberation in which much unity and sympathy were expressed for him in his concern, he is left at liberty to pursue this prospect under the guidance of the Head of the Church, and the Clerks are directed to make the foregoing endorsement upon the Minute furnished him by Seabrook Monthly Meeting and sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

The Clerk informs he has received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting a large number of Copies of the Men's and women's printed minutes, 800 copies of the London Printed Epistle for the year 1871 also several copies of the Boarding School Report, which he informs he has forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings for distribution among our Members.

The reading of the Epistle and the Boarding School Report is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

A minute of our last Yearly Meeting on the subject of General Meetings has been rec^d and read as follows, Viz:

"At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held in the 6^th Month 1872.

General Meetings

By the reports received from four of our Quarterly Meetings, a request was contained therein that this Meeting would take under solid and prayerful consideration the subject of holding

General Meetings for Divine worship within its limits, under the care and direction of a committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting. This subject being one of vital importance, the Meeting during the consideration of it was deeply exercised to know the mind of Truth, and a very full expression was given in favor of granting ~~of~~ ~~granting~~ the request; and the men and women representatives now in the attendance of this Meeting are requested to confer together, and present to a future sitting of both men and women friends, in separate sessions, the names of suitable friends to compose a committee to take charge of this concern on behalf of this Meeting. And our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to cooperate with our committee in considering of any application, and deciding the same, which may be made for holding a General Meeting. And when permission is granted for holding such Meetings, it will be the duty of the committee to see that a suitable portion of their number are in attendance thereof, and take the Meeting under their care and direction: and they are to report to this meeting year next year. Names of the committee George Bowen, Gideon C. Smith, Cynthia Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland. Samuel Boyce, John Paige Elisa B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Wm C. Taber, David K. Akin, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Abraham Winslow, Elisha Jones, Jane C. Minot; Eunice D. Cartland, Richard Battey, Samuel H. Colton, Ann K. Colton, Lydia Haight; Eli Jones, Stephen Jones. Sybil Jones, Ann E. Lang. Albert C. Buffum, Joseph H. Pratt. Martha E. Pratt, Hannah G. Sawyer, Joseph Taylor, Charles F. Coffin sen, Leavinia M. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Abner Slade, Thomas E. Steere, Stephen Beede, Edward W. Howland, Rachel S. Howland. Maria B. Jones, Eliza P. Gardner and Ruth S. Wood.

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk"

and we appoint our friends Stephen Beede, Wm A. Brown, Moses Huntington, Thomas Folsom, Herod Chase, Zephemiah Breed and Joseph S. Nichols a committee to unite with a similar committee of women friends to report the names of two or more men and women friends from each Monthly Meeting to constitute a committee to cooperate with the committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting for that purpose and they are desired to report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

A minute of our Yearly Meeting on the revision of our book of Discipline has been received and read as follows viz. "At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in the 6th Mo 1872

Revision of Discipline.

The several articles which have been adopted by this Meeting have now become its discipline, and our subordinate Meetings are directed to be governed by its provisions when official copies of this minute are received by them, and also copies of the work. We appoint Charles Taber, John Milton Earle, Henry T. Wood and William C. Taber, to cause an edition of 1,000 copies to be printed in good plain type, and to furnish all our subordinate Meetings with the number of copies required for their use. The balance of the edition to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of this Meeting, to be sold to our members at cost.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk"

and our several Monthly Meetings are directed to be governed by its provisions when the copies referred to have been received by them.

Returning Minutes on behalf of our friends, Lemuel Gifford, Moses Huntington and Elisabeth Huntington have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10th Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10th Mo 17th 1872

By the accounts recd from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are

For Salem. Wm O. Newhall, Daniel Paige, Wm A. Brown, Albert Breed, Joseph S. Nichols, James Oliver and Moses F. Rogers.

For Seabrook, David E. Folsom, John Huntington, Edward Gove and Newell Ordway.

For Weare, Herod Chase, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, Lindley H. Osborn, David Gove and Charles H. Thorndike, whose names being called they are all present except one.

We have with us at this time our beloved friends Amos Bond with a minute of concurrence from Deer Creek Monthly Meeting Ind, endorsed by Mississinewa Quarterly Meeting, Joel Bean with a minute from Springdale Monthly Monthly Meeting Iowa endorsed by Springdale Quarterly Meeting and Newell Hoxie with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements amongst us, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

We have also the company of our beloved friend Elisabeth L. Comstock with a minute from Rollin Mo Mtg Michigan endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting, expressive of unity with her as a Minister and with her present engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed friend John T. Comstock an Elder is in attendance of this Meeting as companion to his wife Elisabeth L. Comstock with a minute of concurrence from Rollin Monthly Meeting Michigan; His company is acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

The reading of the London General Printed Epistle is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Boarding School Report has been read at this time to our satisfaction.

The joint Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to nominate a committee to Cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's com on General Meetings for Worship within the limits of this Yearly Meeting have proposed the following; John H. Crosman Joshua Buxton Jr, Lydia Pope, Ann Maria Coffin Moses Huntington, M. Alton Bailey, Elisabeth Gove, Mercy S. Davis, Moses Sawyer, Franklin T. Huntington, Hannah B. Sawyer & Sabina A Paige which are approved by this Meeting and they are appointed to that service for one year.

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in acknowledging the Gift and approving the public Ministry of Charles H. Jones and Hannah B Sawyer, with which this and the Women's Qr Meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they have changed the time of holding their Preparative and Particular Meetings from 10 O'clk to 10½ O'clk A.M. and propose that the same change be made in the time of holding the Monthly Meetings, with which this and the Women's Quarterly Meeting unites.

Returning Minutes on behalf of our friends Amos Bond, Joel Bean, Newell Hoxie and John T. Comstock have been read and approved in this Meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

A returning minute on behalf of our friend Elisabeth L. Comstock prepared by the Women's Qr

Meeting has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 1st Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Salem 1st Mo 16th 1873

By the accounts recd from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are —

For Salem, Stephen Beede, Moses F. Rogers Alvin Hoag and Joseph S. Nichols.

For Seabrook, Joel H. Davis, Thomas Folsom, Daniel Beede and Newell Ordway —

For Weare, Daniel Paige, Moses Sawyer Charles H. Thorndike and Herod Chase whose names being called they are all present.

The Clerk informs that he has recd copies of the New Book of Discipline and in accordance with the recommendation of our last Yearly Meeting it has now become our discipline.

We have with us at this time our beloved friend George Richardson with a minute of concurrence from Sidney Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed friend Joseph Taylor an Elder is in attendance of this Meeting as companion to our friend George Richardson and has presented a Minute of Concurrence from Sidney Monthly Meeting. His company has been acceptable to us.

We have also with us our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes a Minister, with a Minute of Concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Daniel Beede has at this time returned the minute granted him in the 8th Mo last, and has produced returning Minutes from Iowa Yearly Meeting and from one Mo Mtg within its limits; he also informed this Mtg that he attended nearly all the Meetings composing two Quarterly Meetings, but ill health prevented his attending Kansas Yearly Meeting; he further informed that he had returned with a feeling of peace and satisfaction.

The London General Printed Epistle of 1871 has been read in this Meeting to our mutual comfort and Edification.

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed Moses F. Rogers correspondant of that Meeting and the Clerk of this Mtg is directed to give the necessary information to the Yearly Meeting.

Returning Minutes on behalf of our friends George Richardson and Joseph Taylor have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Mtg.

A returning Minute prepared by the Womens Quarterly Meeting on behalf of Charlotte D. Holmes has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

The business being closed at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at Amesbury at the usual time in the 5th Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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5 mo 1873
Amesbury

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 5th Mo 22nd 1873.

Representatives

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are
For Salem — Moses F. Rogers, James P. Boyce, Joseph S. Nichols, Joshua Buxton J & Benjamin Scribner.
For Seabrook — M. Alton Bailey, Thomas Folsom and Daniel S. Purinton.
For Weare — Charles H. Jones, Moses Sawyer, Charles H. Thorndike and Thomas Thorndike
whose names being called they are all present.

Charles A & Mary H Tebbetts present with minute from Iowa

We have with us at this time our beloved friends Charles A and Mary H. Tebbetts with a minute of concurrence from Bloomington Monthly Meeting Iowa informing that they are Ministers in unity. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Queries read The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the
answers from our several Monthly Meetings from which
a summary has been prepared for the Yearly Meeting
to be held on Rhode Island in the 6th Month next;
which we forward by our friends Thomas Folsom, Stephen
Rep to Y mt Beede, Joshua Buxton Jr, Simon G. Gove, John Paige, Joseph S.
appointed Nichols, John H. Crosman, Samuel P. Johnson, Charles H
Thorndike and Daniel Beede whom we appoint our
representatives to said Meeting.

Salem Monthly
Jos. S. Nichols, Meeting informs that they are united in the
Owen Dame, appointment of Joseph S. Nichols, Owen Dame,
Mary J. Paige Mary J. Paige and Tacy P. Hawkes to the station
& Tacy P. Hawkes of Elder, which after a time of solid consideration
app. Elders was fully united with by this and the women's
Quarterly Meeting and the clerk is directed to
give the necessary information.

Salem Monthly
Meeting also informs that they are united in ac-
Acknowledgmt knowledging the gift and approving the public
of the Ministry ministry of Wm O. Newhall, which is fully united with
of W.O. Newhall by this and the women's Quarterly Meeting and the
assistant clerk is directed to give the necessary
information by forwarding an extract of this
minute to our next Yearly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Charles H. Jones at this time
laid before this Meeting a prospect of atten
C. H. Jones ding the approaching Yearly Meetings of New York
liberated and Canada and of attending some of the Meet-
to travel in ings constituting them, also of visiting the
New York & members of China Monthly Meeting residing in
Canada the British Provinces; which after a time of
serious consideration is fully united with by
this Meeting and he is encouraged to pursue
his prospect as truth may open the way.
And may certify that he is a Minister in

unity with us, and the Clerk is directed to make an endorsement of this minute upon the minute furnished him by Weare Monthly Meeting.

Treasurer directed to pay Y. Mtg stock

Our several Monthly Meetings inform that their Treasurers have been directed to pay their proportions of stock to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting; and our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our quota of stock.

Statistical information for Yly Mtg

Our Monthly Meetings have furnished the requisite statistical information which we forward to the Yearly Meeting.

Returning minute for C. A & M. H. Tebbetts

A returning Minute on behalf of our friends Charles A and Mary H. Tebbetts has been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Essay for Yly Mtg

An Essay for a report to our next Yearly Meeting has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to forward it to that Meeting.

Concluding Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Summary Answers to the Queries

First

All our Meetings have been regularly held, except ten small Meetings for worship and two Preparative Meetings in one Monthly Meeting, most of which were omitted on account of inclement weather; and two meetings for worship and one Preparative Meeting in another Monthly Meeting and no cause assigned; those on First-Days are attended by most of our members; while in the middle of the week and for discipline, they are much neglected by some. The hour is regarded with few exceptions; most friends are preserved from unbecoming behavior; some care extended by one Monthly Meeting.

Second

We believe love and unity are generally well maintained; a marked improvement being manifest in one Monthly Meeting in this particular, although we fear there may be some falling short in this important duty. Detraction not as fully guarded against as we desire. When differences have arisen endeavors have been used to end them.

Third

We believe most friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and by example and precept to train up their children & others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession; but some of our members are remiss in these important duties.

Fourth

We believe most Friends are in the daily practice of reading the holy Scriptures in their families and that they encourage their children in the performance of this religious duty. Not entirely clear as to a free Gospel ministry.

Fifth

With but few exceptions friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Most of our members are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian profession. Moderation is observed in good measure agreeable to this query.

Sixth

We believe this query may be answered in the affirmative.

Seventh

Most Friends are careful to maintain our testimony in the several particulars of this query.

Eighth

Most Friends are careful to observe the requirements of this query. One Exception is under Notice.

Ninth

Our Records are receiving increased attention; a few Friends have removed from, and some reside among us without Certificates.

Tenth

We believe that a good degree of care is exercised by most Friends in the administration of our Discipline; but there appears to be some deficiency in timely and impartial dealing by which restoring Christian love is manifested toward the offender. We believe judgement has been placed according to Discipline.

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8 Mo 1873
Lynn

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 8th Mo 21st 1873

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are,

Representatives

For Salem; Stephen Beede, George C. Herbert, Daniel Paige, Albert Breed and Benjamin H. Jones

For Seabrook; Thomas Folsom, Robert L. Brown and Josiah D. Challis

For Weare; Zephaniah Breed, Abijah Johnson

8 Mo 21st 1873 220

Representatives present

Charles H. Jones and Joseph J Huntington. Whose names being called they are all present.

Clerks appd

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired, the representatives propose Wm O. Newhall for Clerk and Charles H. Jones for assistant Clerk, which being severally approved they are appointed to that service for one year.

J. H. Douglas and Allen Jay present

We have with us at this time our beloved Friends John H. Douglas with a Minute of concurrence from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and Allen Jay with a Minute of Concurrence from Springfield Monthly Meeting, N.C. Endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagement; their company and services have been acceptable to us.

Queries read and Ansd

The Queries have been read at this time and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

Rep to Yly Mtg report

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting, inform that they all attended except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

Withdrawal of acknowledgment of Ministry of Samuel Boyce

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that upon the recommendation of the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders it has withdrawn its acknowledgment of the Ministry of Samuel Boyce, with which this and the Women's Quarterly Meeting unites; and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Yly Mtg documents

The Clerk informs that he has received from the Clerk of the

Yearly Meeting, 320 copies of its printed minutes, several copies of the Report of the Boarding School Committee also a large number of copies of the London General Printed Epistle for 1872; all of which he informs he has forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings for distribution.

B. S. Report The reading of the Boarding School Report and the Epistle is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Yly Mtg
Minute
Changing
time of
holding
Qr Mtg

The following extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting has been received and read, viz;
"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in the 6th Month 1873.

The Representatives, to whom was referred the proposition to change the time of holding some of our Quarterly Meetings, submitted the following, to wit;

To the Yearly Meeting;

The Representatives to whom was referred the proposition to change the time of holding some of our Quarterly Meetings. Report; that we have confered together, and are united in proposing that, Salem Dover, Falmouth and Fairfield respectively, be held on the Seventh-Day of the week preceeding that on which they have hitherto been held; that the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders be held on the day previous; and that the Meeting held on the day following the Quarters, respectively be considered a part of said Quarter and under its care.

On behalf of the Representatives
Eli Jones Clerk"

The changes proposed are approved by this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meetings respectively with a copy of this Minute. Extracted from the Minutes

Charles R. Tucker Clerk"

Time of holding Qu Mtg Changed

By which we are informed that the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings has been changed to Seventh-Day of the week preceding the one on which they are now held; Viz; at Salem, on 7th day preceding the 3d Fifth day in the 1st Month; at Amesbury on 7th Day preceeding the 4th Fifth day in the 5th Mo; at Lynn, on the 7th Day preceeding the 3d Fifth day in the 8th Mo; and at Weare, on 7th Day preceeding the 3d Fifth day in the 10th Mo.

Time of holding Salem Mo Mtg changed

Salem Monthly Mtg proposes that the day of holding all their Monthly Meetings be changed to the last 5th Day in each Month, the hour and place to remain as before; which this and the Women's Quarterly Meeting approves, and the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to give that Monthly Meeting the information of our action in the case.

Quota of Yly Mt Stock

By an extract from our last Yearly Meeting which has been read, it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock is Six Hundred and Thirty ($630) Dollars.

Salem Mo Mtgs proportion	70 p ct	441.
Seabrook " " "	15 " "	94.50
Weare " " "	15 "	94.50
		$630.00

which they are directed to pay to Charles F. Coffin our Treasurer.

Returning Minutes for J. H Douglas & Allen Jay

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends John H. Douglas and Allen Jay have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

Minute of Rep Mt

The following minute from the Representative Meeting has been received and read and is directed to be recorded and a copy

8 mo 21st 1873

Minute in relation to Expenses of Travelling Friends

sent to each of our Monthly Meetings, and we appoint Charles F. Coffin, Josiah D. Challis and Moses Sawyer to nominate a Quarterly Meeting's Committee to act in accordance with the recommendation of the Minute and present the names to our next Quarterly Meeting – Viz –

At a Representative Meeting for New England, held at Newport, 6th Mo. 13th, 1873, the Committee appointed in relation to the expenses of Friends traveling in the Ministry, made the following report, viz: —

To New England Representative Meeting of Friends:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of expenses of Friends traveling in the Ministry among us from other Yearly Meetings, report,—

That it is the duty of the Church to encourage and promote the spread of the Gospel, and of all the members thereof to contribute to this blessed purpose according to their ability.

We would suggest that it shall be the duty of the Overseers of each Monthly Meeting to see that all Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, duly accredited and engaged in the prosecution of Gospel service within their limits, be provided with suitable company, if any is needed, and the means of transit from place to place. If any Monthly Meeting is unable to pay all such expenses, they may call upon a Standing Committee of their Quarterly Meeting, appointed for such special purpose, who may reimburse the same, or such part thereof as they may think the case requires.

If the burden is at any time too great for the Quarterly Meeting, they may call upon the Representative Meeting, and that meeting shall consider all such calls, and render assistance whenever in the judgment of that meeting the circumstances justify it.

The Committee recommend also, that whenever a Minister is liberated to travel in the ministry by any of our Monthly Meetings, the Overseers of the meeting shall call upon him and confer with him about the arrangements for the journey, and to see that he is provided with suitable company, if any is needed, and with sufficient means to complete the journey, if the Friend needs assistance.

If any Monthly Meeting, at any time, is unable to bear all such expense, it may call upon the Quarterly Meeting's Committee; and the Quarterly Meeting, if unable, may call upon the Representative Meeting, precisely as provided in the case of ministers from other Yearly Meetings, in this report.

On behalf of the Committee.

EDW. W. HOWLAND,
CHAS. F. COFFIN.

Newport, 6th Mo. 13th, 1873.

Which was satisfactory to the meeting, and being subsequently approved by the Yearly Meeting, the Clerk of this meeting was directed to cause a sufficient number of copies to be printed to supply our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

On behalf of the meeting.

WM. O. NEWHALL, Clerk.

Lynn, 7th Mo. 28th, 1873.

Concluding Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Weare on Seventh Day preceding the 3d Fifth-Day in the 10th Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm O. Newhall Clerk

Weare

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10th Mo 11th 1873.

By the accounts received from our several Mo Meetings the Representatives therein named are viz

Representatives

For Salem; Charles F. Coffin, James P. Boyce Joseph S. Nichols, Moses F. Rogers, Joshua Buxton Jr and Peter M. Neal.

For Seabrook; Moses Huntington, Thomas Folsom and Robert L. Brown

For Weare; Nathan Sawyer, Herod Chase, David Gove, Micajah Peasley and Zephaniah Breed. Whose names being called are all present except One, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Queries read

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers receiv'd from our several Monthly Meetings.

B. S. Report read

The Boarding School Committee's Report has been read at this time to our satisfaction.

Charlotte D. Holmes present

We have with us at this time our beloved Friend Charlotte D. Holmes with a minute of concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

London Epistle read

A Copy of the London General Epistle has been read at this time to our mutual comfort and edification.

Thomas Folsom appd Elder

Seabrook Monthly Meeting informs that it is united in the appointment of Thomas Folsom to the station of Elder, which after a time of deliberation thereon is united with by this and the Women's Quarterly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Huldah E. Jones acknowledged a minister

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that it has united with the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Huldah E. Jones; which after a season of prayerful consideration is fully united with by this and the Women's Quarterly Meeting; and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

C. H. Jones returns his Minute

Our beloved Friend Charles H. Jones has returned at this time the Minute granted him in the 5th Mo last, and has presented satisfactory returning Minutes from New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and from Canada Yearly Meeting. He informed this Meeting that he had also attended several Meetings within the limits of those Yearly Meetings. But his Mind recurs with especial satisfaction to the visit paid to the British Provinces and Nova Scotia; where he found great openness for the spread of the Gospel. And could acknowledge with gratitude to Him who putteth forth his dependent Children, that He did go before him, and prepared his way and that he has returned with Sheaves of peace.

Time of holding Weare Mo Mtg Changed

Weare Monthly Meeting proposes that the time of holding their Monthly Meetings be changed to the 1st Fifth Day in each Month and inform that the Preparative Meetings are to be held one week earlier than at present. The hour and place to remain unchanged; and that the change take place in the 12th Mo next; which is united with, the Women's Quarterly Meeting concurring; and the change is accordingly made;

and the Clerk is directed to give Weare Mo Meeting the information of the action of the Meeting in the case.

Nominating Com of 8th Mo Continued — The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to bring forward names to constitute a Quarterly Meeting's Committee in accordance with the direction of the Minute of the Representative Meeting not being prepared to report at this time, is continued and desired to report at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Ret Minute for C. D. Holmes — A returning Minute on behalf of Charlotte D. Holmes prepared by the Women's Quarterly Meeting has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Closing Minute — The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem at the established time in the 1st Mo next —

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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1 Mo 10th 1874

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 1st Mo 10th 1874

Rep present — By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are,

For Salem; Stephen Beede, Peter M. Neal
Joseph S. Nichols, Joseph Haines,
Samuel P. Johnson and Ezra B. Johnson.
For Seabrook; Joel H. Davis, Josiah D. Challis
and Daniel Beede.
For Weare; John Paige, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker,
Charles H. Jones and Herod Chase

whose names being called are all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason has been assigned.

Queries read — The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

Qr Mtg Com appd — The Committee appointed in the 8th Mo last to nominate a Quarterly Meeting's Committee on the Expenses of travelling Friends not being prepared to report, they are released; and we appoint at this time our Friends Charles F. Coffin, Josiah D. Challis and Moses Sawyer to constitute said Quarterly Mtg's Committee and to act in its behalf.

Closing Minute — The business being closed we conclude proposing to Meet again at Amesbury at the established time in the 5th Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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5 Mo 23d 1874 — At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 5th Mo 23d 1874

Rep present — By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are; viz

For Salem; Timothy Hanson, Joshua Buxton Jr
Joseph S. Nichols, Alvin Hoag
Samuel P. Johnson and Gilbert C. Hoag.
For Seabrook; Abram J. Huntington, Daniel S.
Purinton, Thomas Folsom and Josiah D. Challis.
For Weare; John Paige, Moses Sawyer, Franklin
T. Huntington and Simon G. Gove

whose names being called they are all present.

5mo 23d 1874

Daniel Fry & Isaac Jay present

We have with us at this time our Friends Daniel Fry with a Minute of concurrence from Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa, endorsed by Springdale Quarterly Meeting and Isaac Jay with a Minute of Concurrence from Mississinewa Monthly Meeting, Ind, endorsed by Mississinewa Quarterly Meeting, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their Company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Judith Fry present

Our Esteemed Friend Judith Fry wife and companion to our Friend Daniel Fry also attended this Meeting with a Minute of unity from Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa, informing that she is an Elder in unity. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Queries read and Rep to Yly Mtg appd

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and answers from our several Monthly Mtgs from which a summary has been prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6th Month next, which we forward by our Friends John Paige, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington, Timothy Hanson, Owen Dame, Moses Sawyer, William O. Newhall, Thomas Folsom, James P. Boyce, Wm A. Brown, Moses F. Rogers, Samuel P. Johnson, Benjamin H. Jones, John H. Crosman, Charles H. Jones and Philip Chase whom we appoint as our Representatives to said Meeting.

C. H. Jones liberated for service in N. Y Yly Mtg

Our beloved Friend Charles H. Jones a Minister in unity with us, spread before this Meeting a prospect of attending to some religious service in Company with his wife, within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting as set forth in a minute granted him by Weare Monthly Meeting, which is fully endorsed by this Meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Lavina G. Huntington acknowledg a Minister

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Lavina G. Huntington which, after a time of serious consideration thereon is fully and feelingly united with by this and the Women's Quarterly Meeting; and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Huldah E. Jones lib erated for service in N. Y. Yly Mtg

Our beloved Friend Huldah E. Jones a minister in unity with us, spread before this Meeting a prospect of attending the approaching session of New York Yearly Meeting and some other religious service within its limits, as set forth in a minute granted her by Weare Mo Meeting which has been read in this Mtg and fully endorsed and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Returning minutes for Daniel Fry Isaac Jay & Judith Fry

Returning minutes have been read and approved by this Meeting on behalf of our Friends Daniel Fry, Isaac Jay and Judith Fry which the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf.

Statistical Report of Mo Mtgs

The required statistical information from our several Monthly Meetings has been received which we forward to the Yearly Meeting and is as follows, Viz;

	Number of Births	4
	" " Deaths	17
	" Received by Request	6
	" Disowned	None
	" of removals from Qr Mtg	8
	" " " into " "	11
Total	" " Members in " "	730

Treasurer directed to pay to Yly Mtg Treasurer

Our Treasurer Charles F. Coffin is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock called for last year.

Essay for Yly Mtg

An Essay for a report to our next Yearly Meeting has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

Memorial of Elizabeth Gove

A Memorial of our late beloved Friend Elizabeth Gove prepared by Seabrook Monthly Meeting has been read in this Meeting in joint session and fully approved. The reading of this testimonial of loving respect to the memory of our beloved Mother in the Church has brought her memory very tenderly to our remembrance; and fervent were our desires, that we might follow her example as she endeavored by the grace of God to follow Christ in doing good to the bodies and souls of those for whom Christ died. And the Clerk is directed to forward it to our Representative Meeting. The business being closed

Concluding Minute

we conclude proposing to meet again at Lynn at the established time in the 8th Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Summary answers to the Queries 5 Mo 23d 1874

First

All our Meetings have been regularly held on First-Days, except eleven in one Monthly Meeting. A few of our Members fail to attend them duly. Our Mid-week Meetings

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both for Worship and discipline are neglected by many. One account mentions two omissions of Meeting for discipline in one Preparative Meeting. A more punctual observance of the appointed hour by some of our members is desirable. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Second

Love and unity are in a good degree maintained. Detraction not wholly guarded against. When differences arise care is taken to end them.

Third

We believe Friends generally manifest a care to maintain a religious life and conversation, yet we are sensible of deficiencies in this important duty. More care is needed in the training of Children.

Fourth

We think most Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families, yet we believe some of our members are remiss in the encouragement of those under their care in this important duty. Our testimony to a free gospel Ministry is maintained with a few exceptions.

Fifth

We think Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage with a few exceptions, and are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian Character, and to observe true Moderation in all things; but more care in these respects is desirable.

Sixth

Careful in the several requirements of this query.

Seventh

With a few exceptions Friends maintain our testimony respecting Military Matters and oaths.

5 mo 28th 1874 Clear in regard to defrauding the public revenue.

Eighth

Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts. One Exception is noticed. We think Friends live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ninth.

Friends are careful to have all their Marriages, births, deaths and burials duly recorded. A few Friends have removed from and some have come amongst us without certificates.

Tenth.

The discipline is we believe administered in Christian tenderness, and impartially, but not always as timely as would be best. We trust judgment is placed according to discipline

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Opening Minute At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 8th Mo 15th 1874

Names of Reps By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are — viz

For Salem. Joseph S. Nichols, Benjamin H. Jones, Samuel P. Johnson, Peter M. Neal, Joshua Buxton Jr, Ephraim E. Swan and Ezra B. Johnson.
For Seabrook. Stephen Swett, Thomas Folsom
Moses Huntington & Daniel Beede.
For Weare. Moses Sawyer, Abijah Johnson, Wm
T. Morse and Zephaniah Breed
whose names being called they are all present.

We have with us at this time our beloved

Strangers present — T. W. Ladd
Wm A. Symms
Eli & Aba
illa Cowgill
David &
Hannah B
Tatum &
Josiah Dillon

Friends Thomas W. Ladd, with a Minute from New York Monthly Meeting — Wm A. Symmes with a Minute from Piney Woods Monthly Meeting N. Carolina endorsed by Eastern Quarterly Meeting, Eli and Abarilla Cowgill from Westland Monthly Meeting Ohio, endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting — David & Hannah B. Tatum with a Minute from Salem Mo Mtg Ohio, endorsed by Salem Qr Mtg, and Josiah Dillon with a Minute from Bangor Mo Mtg Iowa, endorsed by Bangor Qr Mtg expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their Company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Clerks appd

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired, the Representatives propose Wm O. Newhall for Clerk and Charles H. Jones for Assistant-Clerk, which being severally approved they are appointed to that service for one year.

Queries read

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

Reps to Yly Mtg report

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they all attended.

Documents recd from Yly Mtg

The Clerk informs that he has recd from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting several copies of the report of the Boarding School Committee, 320 copies of the Printed Minutes of the Yly Mtg also a large number of copies of the London Printed Epistle for 1874 — all of which have been forwarded to our several Mo Meetings.

The reading of the Boarding School Report and the Printed Epistle is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting —

The following minute of our last Yearly Meeting has been read. Viz

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Minute from Yly Mtg on acct of Stock — "At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the 6th Mo 1874.
It was concluded to raise for the use of the Yearly Meeting the present year $3500. Our Quarterly Mtgs are directed to forward to George Howland Jr, our Treasurer, their respective proportions of that sum. The proportion of Salem Qr Mtg is 21 pr ct $735

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk"

and our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yly Mtg the above sum of $735.

Salem Mo Mtg's proportion		70 pct	$514.50
Seabrook	" " "	15 "	110.25
Weare	" "	15 "	110.25
			$735.00

Huldah E. Jones returns Minute — Our beloved friend Huldah E. Jones has returned to this Meeting the Minute granted her in the 5th Mo last, to perform religious service within the limits of New York Yearly Mtg, and has produced a satisfactory returning minute from New York Yly Mtg — She informed that the visit was performed to the peace of her own mind.

Minute of Com of Yly Mtg on Indian Concerns — The following Minute from the Clerk, of the Committee of the Yearly Meeting on the improvement of the Western Indians has been read viz — "At a Meeting of the Committee on the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the improvement of the Western Indians held at Newport 6th Mo 18th 1874 — It was concluded that the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars would be needed in the prosecution of the work laid upon us this year. The Clerk was directed to

8 Mo 15th inform the Clerks of the several Quarterly
Meetings of our necessity and ask that Friends
raise in such manner as they may think
proper their proportions of the above sum for
this purpose, and forward the same to our
Treasurer.

From the Minutes
Henry T. Wood Clerk"

Our Mo and our several Monthly Meetings are requested
Mtg direc to forward to the Treasurer of said Committee
ted to pay their several proportions of One Hundred
their propor and Sixty Eight Dollars our Quarterly Meetings
tions Quota of the sum proposed to be raised.

Returning Returning Minutes on behalf of our Friends
Minutes Thomas W. Ladd, Wm A. Symmes, Eli & Alba
for Friends villa Cowgill, David & Hannah B. Tatum and
Josiah Dillon have been read and approved
and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our
behalf.

The business being closed we
Closing conclude proposing to meet again at Weare
Minute at the usual time in the 10th Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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10 Mo 10th At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Opening held at Weare 10th Mo 10th 1874
minute

By the accounts received from our several
Reps Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this
called Meeting are viz —
For Salem - Moses F. Rogers, Joshua Buxton Jr
James P. Boyce, Peter M. Neal, Ephraim E.
Swan and George C. Herbert.
For Seabrook - Thomas Folsom, Josiah D. Challis

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and Moses Huntington.
For Weare — John Thorndike, Herod Chase,
Micajah Peasley and Simon G. Gove
whose names being called they are all
present except one.

The Queries have
Queries read been read in this Meeting and the
required answers from our several
Monthly Meetings.

We have with us at
Eliza H this time our beloved Friend Eliza H. Varney
Varney with a Minute of concurrence from West
present Lake Monthly Meeting of Friends Canada
Endorsed by West Lake Four Months Meeting,
expressive of unity with her as a Minister
and with her present religious engagement
Her company and religious services have
been acceptable to us.

We have also with
Hannah us our esteemed Friend Hannah Jane Cody
J. Cody as companion to our Friend Eliza H,
present Varney, and has produced a Minute
of unity from Yonge Street Monthly Mtg
of Friends Canada. Her company has
been acceptable to us.

The report of the
School Boarding School Committee has been
Report read to our satisfaction.
read

The London
General General Printed Epistle for 1874 has
Epistle been read in this Meeting. The reading
read of this valuable letter of counsel, advice
and encouragement has been very salutary to our minds at this time.

Ret Min Returning Minutes prepared by the womens
utes Quarterly Meeting, have been read and

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approved on behalf of Eliza H. Varney and Hannah Jane Cody and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

Closing minute — The business of this Meeting being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 1st Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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1 Mo 16th

Opening minute — At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 1st Mo 16th 1875

Reps called — By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are, Viz —
For Salem — Stephen Beede, Albert Breed Moses F. Rogers, Joseph S. Nichols and Ezra B. Johnson
For Seabrook — Thomas Folsom, Stephen Swett, Moses Huntington and Josiah D. Challis
For Weare — John Paige, Charles H. Thorndike Abijah Johnson and Simon G. Gove whose names being called they are all present except one for the absence of whom a sufficient reason was assigned.

Queries read — The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from our several Monthly Meetings.

Closing minute — The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Amesbury at the usual time in the 5th Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall Clerk.

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Opening Minute

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 5th Mo 22nd 1875

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are – Viz

Reps Called
For Salem – Joseph S. Nichols, Wm Forster Mitchell, Moses F. Rogers, James P. Boyce, James Oliver and Joshua Buxton Jr.
For Seabrook – Robert L. Brown Daniel Beede and M. Alton Bailey.
For Weare – John Paige, John Thorndike, Moses Sawyer and Franklin J. Huntington.
whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

Joseph Hobson present – Our beloved Friend Joseph Hobson is in attendance of this Meeting, with a minute of concurrence from Gilead Monthly Meeting of Friends Ohio, endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, expressive of unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Amy P. Hobson present – Our esteemed friend Amy P. Hobson companion to her husband Joseph Hobson also attended this Meeting and has presented a certificate of Gilead Mo Meeting Ohio, expressive of sympathy with her prospect also that she is an Elder in unity. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Minute of Rep Mtg – The following Minute of the Representative Meeting has been received and read – Viz
"To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of

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Friends of New England Yearly Meeting.

This Meeting finding there has not been sufficient time to effect the necessary legislation to enable the Yearly Meeting to hold its sessions at Portland, hereby notifies the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings that our next Yearly Meeting must be held, according to discipline at Newport

By direction of the Representative Meeting held at Providence, 2d Mo 3d 1875

William O. Newhall
Clerk

P.S. The Representative Meeting will be held at Newport on Sixth-day before the commencement of the Yearly Meeting, at 6 O'clk P.M.

ueries read
and Reps
appd to
attend
yly Mtg

The Queries with answers from our several Monthly Meetings have been read and a summary prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the Sixth Month next and John Paige, Benjamin H Jones, Thomas W. Thorndike, Thomas Folsom, Wm Forster Mitchell, Owen Dame, Moses F. Rogers, John H. Crosman, Dennis K. Chase Samuel O. Nichols, Wm F. Vining, Charles A. Jones, Wm O. Newhall, Alvin Hoag, Simon G. Gove and James P. Boyce are appointed to attend said Meeting as Representatives.

Sarah W.
Swett &
Charlotte
L. Swett
appd
Elders

Seabrook Mo Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Sarah W. Swett and Charlotte L. Swett to the station of Elder, which after a time of deliberate consideration were separately approved and are accordingly appointed to that station. the Womens Quarterly Meeting uniting herein; and the Clerk is directed

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to give the necessary information.

C. H. Jones returns Minute

Our beloved friend Charles H. Jones at this time, returned the Minute granted him in the 5th Mo of last year, with information that he had attended to the service which he felt required of him with peace to his own mind; which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

Statistics from Mo Meetings

The required statistical information has been recd from our several Mo Meeting a summary of which is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

Viz –

Number of Births	6
" " Deaths	22
Removals into Qr Mtg	26
" out of " "	13
Admitted by request	5
Released	1
Resigned	7
Total number of Members	723.

Discontinuance of Unity Mtg

The following information has been received from Weare Monthly Meeting Viz – "At our Meeting in the 3d Month the established Meeting at Unity was discontinued with the exception of two First-day Meetings one to be held the Second First-Day of 9th Mo, the other the last First-Day of 12th Mo".

Qr Mtg Stock paid

Our Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed their Treasurers to forward to the Treasurer of this Meeting their proportions of Quarterly Meeting Stock. And our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, our quota of Yly Mtg Stock.

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Essay of Report to Yly Mtg — An Essay for a report to our next Yearly Meeting has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to forward it to that Meeting.

Returning Minutes for Joseph & Amy P. Hobson — A returning minute on behalf of our friend Joseph Hobson has been read and approved also one for Amy P. Hobson prepared by the womens Quarterly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

Closing Minute — The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the 8th Mo next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Summary answers to the Queries 5 Mo 22d 1875

First

All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held (except the Mtgs at Pittsfield have been omitted during the Winter, also four other small Meetings for worship, on account of the severe weather) but many fail to attend them duly; the hour nearly observed by most Friends; Unbecoming behavior mostly avoided.

Second

Love and unity are maintained by most friends, and detraction guarded against, with few exceptions; we know of no differences amongst us.

Third

We think there is a care with most Friends to maintain a religious life and conversation and they are indeavoring by example and precept to train up those

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under their care in accordance with our Christian profession, but an increased concern in these respects is needed

Fourth

We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends families as queried after. Friend maintain our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry with a few exceptions.

Fifth

We believe Friends are careful with a few exceptions, to abstain from intoxicating liquors as a beverage; Most Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistant with a Christian Character; also to observe due Moderation in all things.

Sixth

We think Friends are clear with regard to the several parts of this Query.

Seventh

With the exception of one case of bearing arms, and by the administration of Oaths by several of our Members, Clear in the particulars of this Query.

Eighth

We believe Friends are careful in these respects with a few Exceptions.

Ninth

Due care is taken as regards records & Certificates

Tenth

We believe the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially although not so seasonably in some cases as might be best. We have endeavored to place judgment in the authority of truth according to discipline.

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8th Mo 14th At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Opening Minute Lynn 8th Mo 14th 1875

Names of Representatives By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are Viz

For Salem. Benjamin H. Jones, Albert Breed, Wm O. Newhall, Henry A. Chase, Charles F. Coffin, and Ephraim E. Swan.

For Seabrook. Thomas Folsom, Abram J. Huntington Philip Jones and Robert L. Brown.

For Weare, Franklin T. Huntington, Moses Sawyer John Paige and Simon G. Gove, whose names being called they are all present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason is assigned.

Clerks appointed The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired the Representatives propose the name of Wm O. Newhall for Clerk and Charles H. Jones for Assistant Clerk which being severally approved they are appointed to that service for one year.

Strangers present Viz John Carey Stephen Breed Levi Ratcliff T. B. Nichols We have with us at this time our beloved friends John Carey with a Minute from Back Creek Mo Meeting of Friends Ind. Endorsed by Northern Qr Mtg. Stephen Breed with a minute from Rockyrun Mo Mtg Ind. endorsed by Western Qr Meeting, Levi Ratcliff with a Minute from Mississinawa Mo Mtg Ind and Thomas B. Nichols with a minute from Vassalboro Mo Mtg Maine all of which Express unity with them as Ministers and with their present engagement. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

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Chloe A. Breed present — Chloe A. Breed Companion to her husband Stephen Breed is in attendance of this Meeting with a Minute of unity from Rockyrun Mo Mtg Ind. Her company is acceptable to us.

Reps report attendance of Yly Mtg. — The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended.

Eliza H. Varney present — We have also with us at this time our beloved friend Eliza H. Varney with a Minute from West Lake Mo Mtg Canada dated 5 Mo 24th 1874 and Endorsed by West Lake Four Months Mtg held 6 Mo 20th 1874, which was read and placed upon our Minutes in the 10th Mo last, the same Minute has again been read with an Endorsement dated 1 Mo 20th 1875 of West Lake Mo Mtg, ill health having prevented her from accomplishing all the service she had in view last year. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Elizabeth White present — Our esteemed friend Elizabeth White an Elder, companion to Eliza H. Varney is in attendance of this Meeting, with a Minute of unity from West Leake Monthly Mtg Canada. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Boarding School Report & minutes of Yly Mtg Rec'd — The Report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, has been received, the reading of which is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting. We have also received our usual Quota of printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings.

Minute of Yly Mtg — We have received the following Minute from our last Yearly Meeting viz — "At the Yearly

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Meeting of Friends for New England held in the 6th Mo 1875

The Meeting concluded to raise for its use the present year $ 3.500. and our Qu Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer their Quota of that sum. The proportion of Salem Qu Mtg is 21 per ct $ 735.

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk"

Com appd on a new apportionment — Whereupon we appoint our friends Owen Dame Charles F. Coffin, Moses F. Rogers, Thomas Folsom, Josiah D. Challis, Moses Sawyer and Moses A. Hodgdon a committee to take the subject of a new apportionment into consideration and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Minute of Yly Mtg on General Meetings — We have received the following Minute of our last Yearly Meeting viz—

"Our Qu Mtgs are requested to appoint Committees to Cooperate with the Yearly Meeting's Committee, in the holding of General Meetings, and render them such assistance as may tend to promote this Engagement.

From the Minutes of the Mtg
Charles R. Tucker Clerk"

Com appd on General Meetings. — Whereupon we appoint our Friends Joseph S. Nichols, Moses F. Rogers, Stephen Swett, Thomas Folsom, Moses Sawyer, Franklin T. Huntington and Owen Dame a Committee to act in connection with and aid of the Yly Mtg's Committee on General Meetings and they are requested to report to this Mtg in the 5th Mo next.

The following communication is received from the Treasurer of the Com having

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charge of the Concern of the Yearly Meeting on account of the Indians placed under the care of New England Yearly Meeting Viz—

"At a Meeting of the Com of the Yearly Meeting on the concern of the Indians west of the Mississippi River, held at Newport 6 Mo 17th 1875

It was concluded that the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars would be required to prosecute the concern for the following year and the Treasurer is requested to inform the Clerks of the several Quarterly Meetings thereof and request them to raise in such manner as they deem most advisable their quotas of the above sum and forward to

George Howland Jr
Treasurer of the Com"

which claiming our consideration, we recommend that our several Monthly Meetings raise and forward to the Treasurer of said Committee their respective proportions of 168 Dollars the Quota of this Quarterly Meeting according to the existing apportionment—
Viz Salem's proportion 70 p ct $117.60—Seabrooks' 15 p c $25.20 and Weare's 15 p ct $25.20

Returning Min
utes on behalf
of John Cary
S. Breed L. Rat
cliff & T.B.
Nichols

Returning Minutes have been read and approved on behalf of our Friends John Cary, Stephen Breed, Levi Ratcliff and Thomas B. Nichols and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

This meeting concludes that the Treasurer be directed to pay the sum 350 Dollars appropriated in the 5th Mo 1871 towards repairing the South Meeting House at Weare, regardless of the plan then submitted to the Meeting, and to which reference was made at the time. And we con

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clude that 350 Dollars be added to the sum called for by our Yearly Meeting, and raised by our several Mo Meetings, and forwarded to our Treasurer.

Returning Minutes on behalf of Eliza H Varney, E. White & Chloe A. Breed

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Eliza H Varney, Elizabeth White and Chloe A. Breed prepared by the Womens Quarterly Meeting have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

Concluding Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to Meet again at Weare at the established time in the 10th Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm. O. Newhall
Clerk

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10th Mo 16th 1875

Opening Minute

By accounts received from our several Mo Mtgs the following Friends have been appointed to attend this Meeting as Representatives, Viz

Names of Representatives—

For Salem. Ephraim E. Swan, James P. Boyce, Joshua Buxton Jr and Joseph S. Nichols
For Seabrook, Moses Huntington, Joel H. Davis, Josiah D. Challis and Daniel Beede,
For Weare, Lindley H. Osborne, Dennis R. Chase, Charles H. Thorndike and Herod Chase

whose names being called are all present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason has been assigned.

Queries & Ans read

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings.

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Mary T. Meader present

We have with us at this time our Friend Mary T. Meader a Minister with a minute of sojournment from Minneapolis Mo Mtg Minn. Her company has been acceptable to us.

B. School Repot dispenced with

The reading of the Report of the Com having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, is dispenced with at this time.

London Epistle read

The London General Epistle for 1875 has been received through the Representative Meeting, a copy of which has been read at this time, to our instruction, comfort and satisfaction. And we desire to acknowledge the great benefit which we receive from the annual reception and reading of this Epistle of brotherly love, sympathy and Christian counsel.

Appointment of David Gove an Elder

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they approve of the appointment of David Gove to the station of Elder, with which this and the Womens Qr Meeting unites, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Ret Minute for M. T. Meader

A returning Minute on behalf of our Friend Mary T. Meader prepared by the Womens Qr Mtg has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Com on Apportionment Continued

The Com to whom was referred the subject of a new apportionment, not being prepared at this time is continued, and they are desired to report at our next Qr Mtg

Closing Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem at the established time in the First Month next—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting. Wm O Newhall Clerk

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1 mo 15 At Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Salem First Month 15th 1876.

Opening Minute — By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are - viz

Names of Representatives
For Salem. James P. Boyce, Joseph S. Nichols
George A. Crossman, Wm Chase and
Benjamin Scribner.
For Seabrook. Joel H. Davis, Stephen Swett
and Josiah D. Challis.
For Weare, John Thorndike, Moses Sawyer, Hervd
Chase and John Paige, whose names
being called are all present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

John Cary & Stephen Breed present — We have with us at this time our Friends John Cary and Stephen Breed who attended our Quarterly Meeting in the 8th Month last and who then presented Certificates of unity from their respective Monthly Meetings, have again presented the same Certificates which have been read. Their Company and religious services have been acceptable.

Com on a New Apportionment Continued — The Com appd in the 8th Mo last on the subject of a New apportionment not being prepared to report at this time is continued - And our Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to forward to the Treasurer of this Mtg their respective proportions of the amount of Yly Mtg Stock as per Minute received in the 8th Mo last viz 735$ also of the Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars appropriated by this Meeting towards repairing the Meeting House at South Weare, according to the existing apportionment

Salem's proportion		70 pct —	759,50
Seabrooks	"	15½ —	162,75
Weare	"	15½ cts	162,75
			$1085,00

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1 mo 15
Queries and Ans read The Queries have been read in this Meeting with the required answers from our Monthly Meetings.

Com appd on change of time of holding our Qtr Mtgs The Women's Quarterly Meeting inform that they have appointed a Com to take into consideration the propriety of changing the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings and request that we may appoint a Com to join them in the service whereupon we appoint our Friends Joseph S. Nichols, Wm O. Newhall, Daniel Breed, Moses Huntington, Franklin J. Huntington and John Thorndike for that service.

Chloe A. Breed present Chloe A. Breed wife and companion to our Friend Stephen Breed is acceptably in attendance of this Mtg.

Closing Minute The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Amesbury at the usual time in the Fifth Month next
Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

5th Mo 20th At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 5 Mo 20th 1876

Opening Minute By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are Viz

Names of Representatives.
For Salem. Moses F. Rogers, Owen Dame, Wm Chase, Joseph S. Nichols, Benjamin H. Jones and George C. Herbert.
For Seabrook. John L. Folsom, Robert L. Brown, Abram J. Huntington & Josiah D. Challis
For Weare. John Thorndike, Franklin J. Huntington and Heard Chase whose names being called they are all present.

5 Mo 20th We have with us at this time the company of
Wm Weth our Friend Wm Wetherald, with a Minute of unity,
erald from Pelham, Monthly Meeting, Canada. Expressive
present of unity with him as a Minister and with his
present religious engagement. His Company
and religious services have been acceptable
to us.

Queries & The Queries have been read in this
Ans read Meeting and the answers received from our
Mo Mtgs, from which, a summary has been
prepared for the Yearly Meeting, to be held on
Rhode Island, in the Sixth Month next, and John
Reps. appd Paige, Benjamin H. Jones Wm F. Vining, Moses F.
to attend Rogers, Thomas Folsom, Owen Dame, Daniel Beede,
Yly Mtg Wm O. Newhall, Moses Sawyer, Alvin Hoag and
Abram J. Huntington are appointed to attend
said Meeting as our representatives.

Com on The Committee on a New apportionment not
a new ap being prepared to report at this time is con
portionmt tinued, and Wm F. Vining is appointed in the
Continued place of Josiah D. Challis released at his re
the Com quest and Philip Jones and John Thorndike
added to are added to the Committee and they are de
sired to report at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Request the This Meeting is united in requesting of the Yly
Yly Mtg to Meeting that a New apportionment of Yly Mtg
make a stock be made this year.
New appmt
Our Mo Mtgs report
Mo Mtgs that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to
report stock Charles F. Coffin the Treasurer of this Mtg their
paid proportions of Yly Mtg Stock; and this Mtg
directs its Treasurer to pay to George Howland
Jr Treasurer of the Yly Mtg our quota of
stock as called for by Minute received
in the Eighth Month last

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5 Mo 20th The following statistical information is rec-
Statistical from our Mo Mtgs, which the Clerk is directed
information to forward to the Yearly Meeting
received Viz Number of births 6
" " deaths 12
" removed into 4
" " from 11
" of admissions by request, none
no disownments —
Resigned their right of Membership - 5
Present No of Members 705
Decrease the past year 18

Change in The Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
time & place proposes that the time and place of holding
of holding its Meeting in the First Month be changed
Mtg of from 3 to 2 Oclk P.M. and from Lynn to
M & Elders Salem - with which this and the Womens
Qr Mtg unites and we conclude to propose
to the Yly Meeting that the change be made.

Requests - This Meeting concludes to request of the Yly
the Yly Mtg to Meeting that it decide to what date each
define the year, the required statistical information
date in ref shall be made, that there may be a uni
erence to sta formity throughout the Yly Mtg, thereby en
tistics - suring a more correct record of its membership

Report of The Committee appointed in the First Mo last
Com on in reference to changing the time of holding
changing our Quarterly Meetings have made the fol
time of lowing report Viz
holding "The Com appd to take
our Qr Mtgs into consideration the propriety of changing
the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings,
propose, that in future they be held on the
Second Fifth day of the Months in which they

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5 Mo 20. are now held and at the same hour, followed by a Meeting or Meetings for worship on Sixth day commencing at 10 o'clk A.M. under the care of the Quarterly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee
Joseph S. Nichols
Amesbury 5th Mo 19th 1876 Mary Alice Brown."

with which this, and the Womens Qr Mtg, unites, and we conclude to propose to the Yly Mtg that the change be made.

Returning on behalf of Wm Wetherald. A returning minute on behalf of our friend Wm Wetherald has been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Report to Yly Mtg read & approved. An abstract for a report to the Yearly Meeting has been read & approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to the Yearly Meeting.

Concluding Minute. The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the Eighth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Summary answers to the queries

First. Excepting one midweek Meeting, and the First-day Meetings during the past winter in one other very small Meeting (as reported from one Monthly Meeting), all our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held; but many of our members fail to attend them duly, more particularly in the Middle of the

5 Mo 20th week; the hour nearly observed; and mostly clear of unbecoming behavior.

Second. Love and unity are we believe, nearly maintained. Detraction not sufficiently guarded against; care has been taken to end differences.

Third. We trust that Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, with little exception; but more care is needed in the training of our children in accordance with our Christian profession.

Fourth. We think that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read individually, as well as collectivly in most Friends families; a few of our members contribute to a paid ministry.

Fifth. With a very few exceptions, we believe our members wholly abstain from the use of intoxicating Liquors as a beverage. Most Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistant with a Christian character, but some are not as careful to observe true moderation in all things as would be best.

Sixth. The circumstances of the poor are attended to.

Seventh. We believe that Friends maintain our testimony against bearing arms and other military matters, and against oaths, with a few exceptions; we know of no case of defrauding the Public Revenue.

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Eighth. Friends are generally careful in regard to the several matters queried after, but we think more care is needed with some to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ninth. Friends are careful in regard to Records; a few Friends have removed from us and a few come amongst us without certificates.

Tenth. We endeavor to administer the Discipline in Christian tenderness and impartially. Judgment has we believe, been placed according to Discipline.

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Opening Minute — At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 8th Mo 12th 1876

Accts from Mo Mtgs — names of Reps — By accounts from our several Monthly Mtgs the Representatives to this Meeting are viz; For Salem, Owen Dame, Joshua Buxton Jr, Ephraim E. Swan & Henry A. Chase
For Seabrook, Philip Jones, Thomas Folsom, Charles E. Brown & Josiah D. Challis.
For Weare, Charles H. Jones, John Thorndike, and John Paige whose names being called are all present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason has been assigned.

Clerks appd. — The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed having Expired the Representatives propose the name of Wm O, Newhall for Clerk and Charles H Jones for Assistant-Clerk, which being severally approved they are accordingly appointed to that service for one year.

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Stanley
Pumphrey
from
England
present

We have at this time the company of our beloved Friend Stanley Pumphrey a Minister with a minute of unity from Worcestershire and Shropshire Monthly Meeting, England; Endorsed by Western Quarterly Meeting and still further Endorsed by the Yly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in the Fifth Mo 1875. His company Gospel labors and religious services have been acceptable to us.

F. G. Cartland
George
Richardson
& J. Wm
Jacob
present

We have also the company of our beloved Friends Fernando G. Cartland with a minute from Deep River Monthly Meeting North Carolina; Endorsed by Deep River Qtr Meeting. George Richardson with a minute from Sidney Mo Meeting Maine; J. Wm Jacob with a minute from China Mo Meeting also of Maine; expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements.

Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Sarah M.
Richardson
present

Our esteemed friend Sarah M. Richardson accompanying her husband George Richardson is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, with a minute of unity from Sidney Mo Mtg.

Queries & Ans
read

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with the answers received from our Mo Mtgs.

Rep. to Yly
Mtg report

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they all attended.

Report of
Com on
a new
appointment

The committee continued in reference to a new Appointment, presented the following report viz; "To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends

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The Majority of the committee to consider the apportionment between the Monthly Meetings, propose that Salem Mo Mtg pay 60 p ct, Seabrook 20 p ct and Weare 20 p ct.

For the members of the com present
Lynn 8th Mo 12th 1876 "Charles F. Coffin"

which is satisfactory and the change is adopted by this Meeting.

Yly Mtg Stock
alled for

The following minute is received from the Clerk of our Yearly Meeting, viz;

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island in the Sixth Month 1876.

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the present year Three thousand Dollars ($3000), and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to George Howland Jr, our Treasurer, their respective proportions of that sum.

The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is 17 p ct viz $ 510.

From the minutes of the meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk"

and our Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to forward to Charles F. Coffin the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of $ 510. according to the apportionment adopted by this Mtg, viz;

Salem Mo Mtg	60 p ct	$ 306.
〃 Seabrook 〃 〃	20 p 〃	〃 102.
〃 Weare 〃 〃	20 p 〃	〃 102
		$510

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Mtg of Min
ers & Elders

By a minute received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting the proposed change has been made in holding the Quarterly Mtg

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of Ministers and Elders in the First Month Viz; from Lynn to Salem and from 3 to 2 O'clk P.M. and the Clerk of this Meeting is requested to inform the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders that the change has been made.

Minute of Yly Mtg on acct of Statistical information

The following minute is also received from the Yearly Meeting Viz;

"At the request of Salem Quarterly Meeting this Meeting directs that each quarter make up the Statistical information to the first day of the Third Month, in order that a correct account be rendered to the Yearly Meeting.

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk"

and our several Monthly Meetings are desired to govern themselves accordingly.

Minute of Yly Mtg respecting change of time in holding Qr Mtg

The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting also informs by the following minute, Viz; "Salem further proposes that the time of holding its Qr Mtg be so changed that in the future it be held on the Second Fift-day in the Months in which it is now held, commencing at the same hour, to be followed by a Meeting or Meetings for worship on Sixth day at 10 O'clk A.M. under the care of the Quarterly Meeting; which is referred back to the Quarterly Meeting for further consideration.

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Charles R. Tucker
Clerk

Which having been read we conclude to take no further action in the case at this time; the Women's Qr Mtg uniting [illegible]

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Subject fm Weare Mo Mtg & com appd

The following subject contained in the account from Weare Monthly Meeting has been read, viz "A subject having been before this Meeting for several Months which we have been unable satisfactorily to determine, we have now concluded to apply to the Quarterly Meeting for its advice and assistance therein."

Whereupon we appoint our Friends James P. Boyce, Wm. Forster Mitchell, Augustine Jones, Robert L. Brown, Thomas Folsom and Jonathan Osborne a committee to render Weare Monthly Meeting such advise and assistance as in their judgment the case may seem to require.

Ret Minutes F. G. Cartland Geo Richardson J. Wm Jacob

Returning minutes on behalf of our Friends Fernando G. Cartland, George Richardson and J. Wm Jacob, have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

Do for S. M. Richardson

A returning Minute on behalf of our Friend Sarah M. Richardson prepared by the Women's Qr. Mtg has been read and approved, and the Clerk has been directed to sign it on our behalf.

concluding Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10th Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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10 mo 14th

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Weare Tenth Mo 14th 1876

Opening Minute

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to Meeting are, viz; From Salem. Joseph S. Nichols,

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names of Representatives Moses F. Rogers, Augustine Jones and Joshua Buxton Jr.

From Seabrook; Thomas Folsom, Joel H. Davis, Moses O. Nichols and Daniel Beede

From Weare; Nathan Sawyer of Henniker, Hiram Chase and Charles H. Thorndike

whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

Johnson Brewer of Canada present — We have at this time the company of our friend Johnson Brewer, with a Minute of unity from West Lake Monthly Meeting, Province of Ontario, Indorsed by West Lake Four Months Meeting, expressive of unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagements.

He is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

Queries & Ans read — The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers received from our several Monthly Meetings.

Sarah Ellen Varney present — Our beloved friend Sarah Ellen Varney is in attendance of this Meeting, with a Minute of unity from China Monthly Meeting, Maine, expressive of unity with her as a Minister and with her present religious engagements.

Her Company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The London Epistle Recd — A large number of copies of the London General Epistle for 1876 have been received, One of which was read at this time; and we were afresh made to realise "How good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" and to "Strive to build one another up in the most holy faith"

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And we desire that the tender, earnest Christian counsel contained therein may be blessed to our individual advancement in Christian experience; and the Clerk is directed to send them down to our several Monthly Meetings in their usual proportions for distribution among our members.

Salem Mo Mtg proposes to change the time of holding the Qr Mtg & com Appd

Salem Monthly Meeting proposes to this Meeting that the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings be changed to the former time of holding them; Whereupon we appoint our Friends Joseph J. Nichols, Wm O. Newhall, Moses F. Rogers, Abram J. Huntington, John L. Folsom, Jonathan H. Osborne, Charles H. Jones Moses Sawyer and Franklin T. Huntington a com to take the subject into consideration and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Returning minute for Sarah Ellen Varney

A returning Minute on behalf of our Friend Sarah Ellen Varney prepared by the Womens Quarterly Meeting has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

L. H. Osborne Appd Corresp

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed Lindley H. Osborne correspondent of that Meeting in place of Abijah Johnson deceased, and the Clerk is directed to inform the Yearly Meeting hereof.

eturning minute for J. Brewer

A returning Minute on behalf of our friend Johnson Brewer has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

Closing Minute

The business being closed at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the First Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall Clerk

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1 Mo 13th

Opening minute

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Salem First Mo 13th 1877

Names of Repts

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz - From Salem. Owen Dame, George C. Herbert, Ephraim E. Swan, Joshua Buxton Jr. & Jas. E. Nichols. From Seabrook. Daniel Beede & Thomas Folsom from Weare. Franklin T. Huntington, Moses Sawyer and Moses A. Hodgdon whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason has been assigned.

Queries & Ans read

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers, received from our several Monthly Meetings.

Barnabas C. Hobbs present -

Our beloved friend Barnabas C. Hobbs, a Minister, with a minute of unity from Bloomingdale, Monthly Meeting Ind. Endorsed by Bloomingdale, Quarterly Meeting, is in attendance of this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Repot of Com to change the time of holding our Qr Mtg

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Mtg on the request of Salem Monthly Meeting have made the following report Viz.

"To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
to be held at Salem 1st Mo 13th 1877.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to whom was referred the proposition of Salem Monthly Meeting, to change the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings to the time they were formerly held, have given attention to the subject, and were united in proposing to the Quarterly Meeting that the change be made viz = In the First Month at Salem on the 3d Fifth day. At Amesbury on the 4th Fifth day in the Fifth Month. At Lynn on the Third Fifth day in the Eighth Month and at Weare on the 3d Fifth day in the Tenth Month.

Joseph S. Nichols } in the
Salem 1st Mo 10th 1877 Mary Alice Brown } Committee"

which is satisfactory to this and the Womens Quarterly Meeting, and we are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting that the change be made.

Retiring Minute of B C Hobbs — A returning Minute on behalf of our friend Barnabas C. Hobbs has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Closing Minute — The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Amesbury in the Fifth Month next
Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm C. Mitchell
Clerk

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Amesbury 5th Mo 17th 1877

Opening Minute — By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are — viz —

Names of Repts — From Salem. Benjamin H. Jones, James P. Boyce, William Foster Mitchell, Alvin Hoag, Joshua Buxton Jr. and Wm Chase,

From Seabrook, Thomas Felson, David Chalis, M Alton Baily and Robert L. Brown.

From Weare, Herod Chase, Thomas W. Thorndike & Charles H. Jones.

all present — Whose names being called they are all present.

Wm Wetherald present — We have with us at this time our beloved friend Wm Wetherald a minister with a minute of unity from Pelham Monthly Meeting Canada. His company [illegible] Mo 27th

and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Queries & ans read — The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers received from our Monthly Meetings, from which a summary has been prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held in Portland in the Sixth Month next; and John Paige, Joseph Cartland, John H. Crosman, Moses Huntington, James P. Boyce, Moses F. Rogers, Thomas Folsom, Wm Foster Mitchell, Thomas Wood, Joseph S. Nichols, Moses Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Alvin Hoag, Robert L. Brown and Joseph Haines are appointed Representatives thereto.

Reps to Yly Mtg appd

Charlotte P. Holmes present — Our beloved friend Charlotte P. Holmes, a Minister, with a Minute of unity from Smithfield Mo Mtg is in attendance of this Quarterly Meeting. Her Company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Statistical Information rec'd — The following statistical information is received from our Monthly Mtgs which we forward to the Yearly Meeting, viz —

Number of Births	2
" " Deaths	13
" removed into	5
" " from	24
" received by request	6
No disownments	
Resignations	2
Present Number of Members	681
Decrease the past year	

Mo Mtg Treas directed to pay Yly Mtg Stock — Our Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock and our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our quota of Stock as per Minute

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received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting in the Eighth Month last.

Ret Minute of Wm Wetherald

A returning Minute on behalf of our friend Wm Wetherald has been read & approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

Ret Minute for C. D. Holmes

A returning Minute in favor of our friend Charlotte D. Holmes prepared by the Womens Quarterly Meeting has been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Essay to Yly Mtg

An Essay for a report to our Next Yearly Meeting has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Closing Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to Meet again at Lynn at the established time in the Eighth Month next

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Summary Answers

Summary Answers 5th Mo 19th 1877

1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except two Meetings for worship omitted on account of inclement weather; also all the Meetings for worship have been omitted during the winter at both [illegible] and Pittsfield. First=day Meetings are generally well attended; Mid week Meetings are too much neglected by many of our Members. The hour is well observed by most Friends. Friends are nearly preserved from unbecoming behavior.

2nd. Love and unity appear to be maintained among us with some exception. Detraction mostly guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

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Answers
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3d We believe Friends are generally Careful to Maintain a religious life and conversation, yet we are sensible of deficiencies herein. We think more care should be exercised in training our children

4th We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends families individually, but we fear not collectively in all. We trust Friends encourage their Children and others in this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is maintained with a very few exceptions.

5th We believe Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, with a few exceptions. Friends are generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, though some deficiency is apparent; a good degree of Moderation is generally observed.

6th We think Friends observe the several requirements of this query.

7th We believe our testimonies in these respects are Maintained, with a few exceptions in regard to Oaths.

8th We believe Friends frequently inspect their affairs and settle their accounts and are generally punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances with a few exceptions.

9th Careful as to records; a few Friends removed

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from and a few have come amongst us, without certificates. Some care has been taken.

10th We endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness timely and impartially also to place judgment according to discipline, yet some deficiency must be admitted.

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Opening
minute.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 8th Mo 11th 1877

Names of
Reps

By the accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting. viz
From Salem. Wm Chase, Alvin Hoag, Joseph Haines, George C. Herbert, Albert Breed and Charles F. Coffin.
From Seabrook, Daniel Beede, Josiah D. Chase, Jonathan H. Osborn and Joseph Cartland.

From Weare, Charles H. Thorndike, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker and Herod Chase, whose Names being called they are all present except two, for whose absence reasons are assigned.

All present
except two

Appointment
of Clerks

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives propose the name of Wm A. Mendenhall for Clerk and Charles H Jones for Assistant-Clerk, which propositions being severally approved they are appointed to that service for one year.

George
Richardson
present

Our beloved friend George Richardson, a Minister, with a Minute of unity from Sidney Monthly Meeting acceptably attended this Meeting.

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Sarah M Richardson present — Our Esteemed friend Sarah M. Richardson accompanying her husband George Richardson has also presented a minute of unity from Sidney Monthly Meeting. Her company is acceptable to us.

Queries read — The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers received from our several Monthly Meetings.

Repts to Yly Mtg report attendance — The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they all attended.

Report of Boarding School read — The Report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence the past year, has been received from the Yearly Meeting and read in this Meeting.

Yly Mtg Minute in relation to Stock — The following Minute from the Yearly Meeting in relation to Yearly Meeting Stock, has been received viz "It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the present year, Three Thousand Dollars ($3000) and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to George Howland Jr, our Treasurer, their respective proportions of that sum.

The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting is 17 p ct viz 510 Dollars

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting
Wm O Newhall
Clerk"

Mo Mtgs directed to pay to the Treas of Qr Mtg — And our several Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to forward to the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of said sum of Five Hundred & Ten Dollars,

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Qr Mtgs proportions

Salem's proportion		60 pr ct		306
Seabrook's	"	20	"	102
Weare's	"	20	"	102
				510

Minute of Yl Mtg relative, General Meetings

We have also received from the Yl Mtg the following Minute, viz "The Committee on General Meetings under appointment last year was continued for further service the ensuing year, as way may open; and our Quarterly Meetings are hereby requested to appoint Committees to cooperate with the above Committee as heretofore". Whereupon we

Com appd

appoint Wm Foster Mitchell, James ?. Boyer, John H. Crosman, Owen Dame, John Paige, Thomas Folsom, Stephen Jewett & Moses Sawyer to unite with a similar Committee of the Women's Meeting, to cooperate with the above Committee as directed by the Yearly Meeting, and they are desired to enter into such a hearty unity and sympathy as truth may open the way; believing that usefulness will result from the labor of this Committee if the Meetings which may be held are under the constraining and restraining influence of the Spirit of Christ our Holy Head.

Minute of Yly Mtg in relation to Foreign Missions

The following Minute from the Yearly Meeting is recd viz; "At the request of the Committee on Foreign Missions our Monthly Meetings are directed to appoint Committees of those interested in the work, as soon as practicable after receiving this information; to assist in carrying out the concern of the Yearly Meeting" which has been read and the Clerk is directed to send it down to our Monthly Meetings.

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8 mo 11th
Change in time of holding Qtr Mtg Made by Yearly Mtg

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The Yearly Meeting informs that the proposition from this Quarterly Meeting in relation to changing the times of holding this Meeting was approved by that Meeting and the change accordingly Made as follows

Viz; On the 3rd Fifth day in the First Month at Salem
" " 4th " " " " Fifth " " Amesbu
" " 3 " " " " Eighth " " Lynn
" " 3 " " " " Tenth " " Weare

Returning Minutes in fav of George & Sarah M Richardson

Returning Minutes in favor of our friends George and Sarah M. Richardson have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

Closing Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to Meet again at Weare on the 3rd Fifth day in the Tenth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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Opening Minute

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Weare 10th Mo 18th 1877

Names of Representatives

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, Viz:

Fr Salem; Owen Dame, James P. Boyce, George C. Herbert, Joseph S. Nichols, Peter M. Neal and Moses F. Rogers.

Fr Seabrook; Moses O. Nichols, Moses Huntington Thomas Folsom and Josiah D. Chellis.

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ames of Reps For Weare; John Thorndike, Hurd Chase, Joseph
ontinued John Huntington and George H. Jones
whose names being called they are all present except one.

lwood Scott We have with us at this time
and our beloved friends, Elwood Scott, with a Minute of
enaca H Stevens unity from Oak Ridge, Monthly Meeting, Grant Co
present Indiana, endorsed by Northern Quarterly Meeting
and Senaca H. Stevens, with a Minute of uni
from Amawalk Monthly Meeting New York, en
dorsed by Purchase Quarterly Meeting, expressi
of unity with them as Ministers and with thei
present religious engagements. Their com
pany and services have been acceptable to us

ueries and The Queries have been read in this Meeting and
Ans read the answers received from our Monthly Meeting

eace Jones Our beloved friend Peace Jones a Minister in unity
resent with a Minute from China Mo Meeting Maine
is acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

Minutes of The Clerk informs that a large number of copies o
ly Mtg the Minutes of our last yearly Meeting have
rec'd been received and sent down to our Mo Mtgs
in their usual proportions.

eturning Returning Minutes on behalf of our friends
inuts read Elwood Scott, Senaca H. Stevens and Peace Jones
nd approved have been read and approved and the Clerk i
directed to sign them on our behalf.

e Mtg Com The Committee appointed in the Eighth Month last year
eleased to render advice and assistance to Weare Mo Mtg
is now released from further service.

losing The business being closed we conclude
Minute proposing to meet again at Salem at the established time in
the First Mo next. Signed on behalf of the Mtg. Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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1mo 17th

Opening Minute
At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Salem. First Month 17th 1878.

Names of Reps
By accounts received from our several Mo
Meetings the following named Friends have
been appointed Representatives to this Meeting:
Viz: For Salem; William Chase, Joseph S. Nichols
John H. Crosman and Alvin Hoag.
To Seabrook; Stephen Swett, Daniel Beede
and Josiah D. Challis.
To Weare; Herod Chase, Franklin T. Huntington
and Moses Sawyer, whose names
being called they are all present.

George E Dillingham present
Our beloved friend George E. Dillingham a Minister
with a Minute of unity from Winneshiek Mo
Meeting, Iowa, endorsed by Winneshiek Qr
Meeting is acceptably in attendance of this Mtg.

Frances C Dillingham present.
Our esteemed friend Frances C. Dillingham
accompanying her husband George E. Dillingham
with a Minute from Winneshiek Mo Mtg
Iowa, is also acceptably with us.

Queries and Ans read
The Queries have been read in this Meeting and
the answers received from our Monthly Meetings.

Returning Minutes read & Appd
Returning Minutes have been read and approved
in favor of George E and Frances C. Dillingham.

Charlotte D. Holmes present
Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes a Minister
with a Minute of unity from Smithfield Mo Mtg
is acceptably in attendance of this Quarterly Meeting.

Closing Minute
The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet
again at Amesbury at the established time in the
Fifth Mo next. Signed on behalf of the Mtg. Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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pening At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
minute held at Amesbury 5th Mo 23d 1878

names of By accounts received from our several Monthly
Reps Meetings, the Representatives to this Meeting are, viz:
For Salem; Alvin Hoag, Moses F. Rogers, William
Chase, Joseph Haines, Lemuel A. Jones and Joseph S. Nichols.
For Seabrook; Moses Huntington, Thomas Folsom,
Robert L. Brown and Joseph Cartland.
For Weare; Lindley H. Osborne, Dennis R. Chase,
George H. Jones and Franklin T. Huntington,
Reps all present whose names being called they are all present.

Queris & Ans The Queries have been read in this Meeting,
Read & Sum and answers prepared for the Yearly Meeting to
mary prepd be held on Rhode Island in the Sixth Month
for Yly Mtg next, and John Paige, Daniel Beede, Moses Hun
tington, William O. Newhall, Moses F. Rogers, Joseph
Reps appd Cartland, Owen Dame, Augustine Jones, John H.
to attend Crosman, Thomas Folsom, Joel H. Davis, and
the Yly Mtg Charles H. Thorndike are appointed represen
tatives thereto.

We have present with us at
Sarah B this time our beloved friend Sarah B. Satter
atterthwaite thwaite, with Minutes of Unity from Holm
resent from Monthly Meeting, the Quarterly Meeting for Cum
ngland. berland and Northumberland, England, held
in the Third Month 1876; and from the Yearly
Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London
in the Fifth and Sixth Months 1876; all ex
pressive of much unity and sympathy with her
as a Minister and with her present religious
engagements in this land; Her company
and Gospel services have been truly acceptable
and edifying to us. And our prayer for her is
that the God of all Grace, may strengthen her in the full
accomplishment of her apprehended duty.

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Hannah Thistlethwaite pres.t from England

We have also with us, our beloved friend Hannah Thistlethwaite an Elder, accompanying our friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite; with a minute of unity from Cheshire Monthly Meeting. England, held in the Seventh Month 1877. Her company and services have been truly acceptable to us.

Returning minutes for S B S and H. T.

Returning minutes prepared by the Womens Quarterly Meeting in favor of Sarah B. Satterthwaite and Hannah Thistlethwaite, have been read and approved by this Meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

Yly Mtg stock paid.

Our Monthly Meetings inform that their Treasurers have been directed to forward to Charles F. Coffin our Treasurer, their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock; And our Treasurer is hereby directed to forward to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our quota of stock called for last year.

Alvin Hoag app.d Elder

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in the appointment of Alvin Hoag to the station of Elder, which, after a time of solid deliberation thereon, is united with by this and the Womens Quarterly Meeting. And the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Minute of Rep Mtg relating to travelling Expenses of Eastern Friends

The following communication is received from the Representative Meeting, Viz: "At a Representative Meeting held in Providence, the 6th of Second Month, 1878.

The practice which has been continued for a number of years of defraying from the Treasury, a portion of the travelling expenses of Friends, who may attend the Yearly Meeting from a distance, Viz; of those residing North of a line drawn east from Salem, was com

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sidered at this time. After a careful examination of the subject, we are united in judgment that this practice may now be justly discontinued. The Clerk is directed to inform the Quarterly Mtgs of Salem, Falmouth, Dover, Carrollton and Fairfield of this conclusion.

Taken from the Record
Henry T. Wood Clerk"

Time of
holding
Salem Mo Mtg
Changed

Salem Monthly Meeting proposes that the time of holding their Monthly Meeting be changed back to the time at which it was formerly held, viz; On the Second, Fifth day in each Month except the Sixth Month, when it should be held on Fourth day before the Second Sixth day, commencing at 10, o,clk A.M. The Preparative Meetings to be held the week previous; with which this and the Womens Quarterly Meeting unite, and the change is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to inform Salem Monthly Meeting of the conclusion of this Meeting.

Statistics
from
Mo Mtgs

The following Statistical information is received from our Monthly Meetings which we conclude to forward to the Yearly Meeting, viz:

Total number reported last year	681	
Births	3	
Received by request	5	
Removals into	14	
Error in last years report ...	6	709
Removals from this Mtg	8	
Deaths	9	
Resignations	7	
Disowned	1	
Present No members	684	709

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Essay to Yly Mtg An Essay for a report to the Yearly Meeting has been read and approved, which the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and forward to that Meeting.

Closing Minute The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Legun at the Established time in the Eighth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
William O Newhall
Clerk

Summary Answers 5 Mo 23d 1878.

Ans I. All our Meetings for worship and Discipline have been regularly held, except a few Meetings in One Monthly Meeting, where some care is taken; those on First-days are attended by Most Friends, while Mid-week Meetings and those for Discipline are neglected by many. Most Friends are careful to observe the hour, and nearly clear of unbecoming behavior.

II Love and unity appear to be in a good Measure Maintained and detraction guarded against; no differences have come to our knowledge; Except in one Monthly Meeting where deficiencies exist in the observance of the several parts of this Query.

III Care is manifested by Most Friends to Maintain a religious life and conversation; but we Must acknowledge many deficiencies in the performance of this important duty. Our Children are not all trained by example and precept of parents to live in accordance with our Christian profession.

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IV The Holy Scriptures are read individually and collectively in most of our families, and our children and others are encouraged in the daily practice of this religious duty. We think our testimony to a free Gospel ministry has been faithfully maintained with a few exceptions.

V Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, with the exception of a very few individuals; Nearly clear as to amusements, Moderation is generally observed.

VI Clear in the several requirements of this Query.

VII We know of no violation of our testimony against bearing arms or other Military Matters, some Exceptions noticed in regard to the remainder of this Query. Some care taken.

VIII We believe our Members are careful in the observance of the several parts of this Query, yet in a few instances we fear there is a deficiency in the fulfillment of promises and the just payment of debts.

IX Clear as to records. A few cases of removals without certificates.

X We have endeavored to administer the Discipline in Christian tenderness, timely and impartially; yet there has been some delay in dealing with offenders. Judgment has been placed according to Discipline.

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Opening Minute held at Lynn Eighth Month 15th 1878

Names of Representatives By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are, viz:

For Salem. Alvin Hoag, William Chase, J. Ellwood Paige, Owen Dame, Olney T. Meader, Ezra B. Johnson and Joseph S. Nichols.

For Seabrook. John L. Folsom, Joseph Cartland, Josiah D. Challis and Abram J. Huntington

For Weare, Charles H. Thorndike, Charles H. Jones and Herod Chase.

Reps present Whose names being called they are all present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason has been assigned.

The time having expired

Clerks Appd for which the Clerks were appointed, the Representatives propose William O. Newhall for Clerk and Charles H. Jones for Assistant Clerk, which nominations being severally approved, they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Amos M. Kenworthy Obadiah Chace & J. Wm Jacob present We have with us, Our beloved friends Amos M. Kenworthy with a minute of unity from Columbus Monthly Meeting, Ohio. Endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting. Obadiah Chace with a Minute from Swansea Monthly Meeting Mass. and J. Wm Jacob with a Minute from China Monthly Mtg Maine, all expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

We have also

Phebe H Kenworthy present the acceptable company of our esteemed friend Phebe H. Kenworthy an Elder, accompanying

8 Mo 15th her husband Amos M. Kenworthy with a minute of unity from Columbus Monthly Meeting Ohio.

ueries and Ans: read — The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers received from our several Monthly Meetings.

L. Comstock and lida Clark present — Our beloved friends Elizabeth L. Comstock with a Minute from Rollin Monthly Meeting Michigan, endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting, and Alida Clark, with a Minute from Southland Monthly Meeting. Arkansas; also a Minute of the Missionary Board of Indiana Yearly Meeting; expressive of unity as Ministers and with their present religious engagements.

Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

eps to Yly Mtg report — The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting, report they all attended.

Minute of ly Mtg on Stock — The following Minute from our last Yearly Meeting has been recei viz:

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends Sixth Month 1878

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the present Year, Five Thousand Dollars (5000) and our Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to George Howland Jr, our Treasurer, their respective proportions of said sum.

The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting 17 pct is $ 850.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting.

William O. Newhall
Clerk

Mo Mtgs directed to pay — and our several Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to forward to Charles F. Coffin our Treasurer, their respective proportions of said sum.

Salem	Monthly	Meetings	Quota	60 p ct	510.
Seabrook	"	"	"	20 p "	170.
Weare	"	"	"	20 p "	170.
					$ 850.

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Phebe T. Underhill present — Phebe T. Underhill, companion to our friend Elizabeth L. Comstock, with a Minute of unity from Baltimore Monthly, is acceptably present with us.

Boarding School report recd reading deferred — The Report of the Committee having the charge of the Boarding School at Providence has been received, the reading of which is deferred to our Next Quarterly Meeting.

Printed Minutes of Yly Mtg recd — The Clerk informs that he has received a large number of copies of the printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been sent down to our Monthly Meetings in their usual proportions.

Returning Minutes approved — Returning Minutes on behalf of our friends Amos M. Kenworthy, Obadiah Chace, J. Wm Jacob, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Alida Clark, Phebe H. Kenworthy and Phebe T. Underhill have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

Closing Minute — The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the Tenth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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10 Mo 17th

Opening Minute — At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare, Tenth Month 17th 1878.

Names of Representatives — By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this Meeting are, Viz:
From Salem; Owen Dame, Benjamin H. Jones, Joseph S. Nichols, Ephraim E. Swan, Joshua Buxton Jr & Moses F. Rogers.

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10 Mo 17th. From Seabrook; Thomas Folson, Moses O. Nichols and Stephen Swett.
From Weare; Charles H. Thorndike, Daniel Sawyer, Nathan Sawyer of Henniker and Herod Chase.

eps. present. Whose names being called they are all present except one.

Queries and Ans read. The Queries have been read in this Meeting, and the answers received from our Monthly Meetings.

B. H. Jones rospect of eligious Servic Minute granted

Our beloved friend Benjamin H. Jones a Minister in unity and good esteem amongst us, in a weighty and feeling manner spread a prospect of religious service before this Meeting as set forth in a Minute granted him by Salem Monthly Meeting, which has been read at this time; After a season of serious and prayerful consideration the Meeting fully united with him in the concern and he is liberated and encouraged to pursue his prospect as truth may open the way: and we desire that he may return to us, bearing in his own bosom precious sheaves of peace.

And the Clerk is directed to endorse the substance of this Minute upon the Minute granted him by Salem Monthly Meeting and sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

Boarding School Report read

The report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence, having been referred to this Meeting, has now been read to our satisfaction.

ondon Gen pistle rec. & the reading deferred

A large number of printed copies of the London General Epistle for 1878, have been received from the Representative Meeting and forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings for distribution, the reading of a copy of which is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

oncluding Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the First Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting. Wm O. Newhall Clerk

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Opening Minute

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem First Month 16th 1879.

Accts from Mo Mtgs and Names of Reps

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are, viz: From Salem; Owen Dame, Alvin Hoag Joseph S. Nichols, Peter M. Neal, Thomas Wood and Olney T. Meader.
From Seabrook: Thomas Folsom, Moses Huntington Joel H. Davis and Daniel Beede,

Reps present Except Four
No acct Recd from Weare Mo Mtg

whose names being called they are all present Except Four, for the absence of Three of whom sufficient reasons are assigned. No account is received at this time from Weare Monthly Meeting,

Queries and Ans read

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the Answers received from Salem and Seabrook Monthly Meetings.

Phebe H. Buxton appointed an Elder

We are informed by Salem Monthly Meeting that they are united in the appointment of Phebe H. Buxton to the Station of Elder.
Which after a time of serious consideration is fully united with by this Meeting, the Women's Quarterly Meeting concurring, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

London Epistle read.

The London General Epistle for 1878 referred from our last Quarterly Meeting to this, has now been read to our comfort and satisfaction, and its christian counsel is commended to the serious attention of our members.

Closing Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Amesbury at the usual time in the Fifth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm. O. Newhall
Clerk

1879

5th Mo 22nd At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury
Opening Minute Fift Month 22nd 1879.

Names of By the accounts received from our several Monthly
Representatives Meetings it appears that the following named Friends
have been appointed representatives to this Meeting
Viz: From Salem: Charles F. Coffin, Newell Hill, Joseph S. Nichols,
Alvin Hoag, Joseph Haines and Gilbert C. Hoag.
From Seabrook; Joseph Cartland, Moses Huntington, Moses
O. Nichols, Robert L. Brown and Albert C. Hill.
From Weare; Moses Sawyer, Herod Chase and Thomas
W. Thorndike, whose names being called they are
All present all present.

We have with us at this time our beloved
Allen Jay friend Allen Jay a Minister with a minute of unity
present from Providence Monthly Meeting R.I. held 5th Mo 9th 1878
His company and religious services have been acceptable
to us.

Queries read The Queries have been read in this Meeting
and the answers received from our Monthly Meetings,
from which a summary has been prepared for
the Yearly Meeting to be held at Portland in the
Sixth Month next, to attend which we appoint
the following named Friends our representatives;
Reps to Yly Owen Dame, Alvin Hoag, Moses Sawyer, Thomas Folsom,
Mtg appd Wm O. Newhall, Charles F. Coffin, Peter M. Neal, Gilbert
C. Hoag, Josiah D. Challis, Herod Chase, Daniel Beede,
James P. Boyce and Eli Jepson.

Qt Mtg Stock Our Monthly Meetings report that they have di-
paid rected their proportions of Quarterly Meeting
Stock to be paid to the Treasurer of this Mtg;
Yly Mtg Stock and our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay
Paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our
Quota of Yearly Meeting Stock viz $850.

Our beloved friend Benjamin H. Jones, has at

B.H. Jones gives an acct of his visit to California

this time given us an interesting account of his recent visit to California and Meetings on the way going and returning. He has also produced returning minutes from San Jose, Monthly Meeting California and Springdale Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, Iowa. All expressive of unity and satisfaction with his visit amongst them. All of which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

Statistical information seen and directed to be forwarded

The following statistical information has been received from our several Monthly Meetings, which we forward to the Yearly Meeting, Viz:

Total number reported last year	684
Births	2
Received by request	2
Removals into	11
	699
Deaths	12
Removals out	3
Resignations	3
Present number of Members (Scotts 3)	681
	699

Boston Preparative Mtg established

Salem Monthly Meetings reports, that in the 10th Month last, a Preparative Meeting was established in Boston to be held in joint session on Fourth-day before the 1st Fifth-day in each Month, at 3½ P.M.

Request of Seabrook Mo Mtg on Stock

The following request is received from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, Viz: "We have directed our Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the quota of Yearly Meeting Stock assigned us, but would not thereby acknowledge the right of the Yearly Meeting to make appropriations from its Treasury for Foreign Mission work or other purposes not pertaining to our own Yearly Meeting and raise the money therefor by way of taxation. It being the prevailing sentiment of this Meeting, that the funds for all such purposes should be obtained by way of voluntary contribution. We request the Quarterly Meeting to present the subject to our next Yearly Meeting." Which after a time of consideration it was concluded not to forward to the Yearly Meeting at this time; and the Clerk is directed to give Seabrook Monthly Meeting information of our conclusion in the case.

John W. Hanson Appeals & a com appd

Salem Monthly Meeting informs this Meeting that John W. Hanson has appealed from the judgment of that Meeting in disowning him from membership and that they have appointed a Committee to represent them in the case; Whereupon we appoint our Friends Albert C. Hill, Thomas Folsom, Robert L. Brown, Herod Chase, Jonathan H. Osborne, Moses Sawyer and Charles A. Jones a Committee to hear the Appellant and the Committee of Salem Monthly Meeting, and report their judgment thereon to this Meeting.

Allen Jay's returning minute

A returning Minute on behalf of our friend Allen Jay, has been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Report to Yly Mtg

An abstract for a report to the Yearly Meeting has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it and forward it to that Meeting.

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The business being closed we conclude proposing to Meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the Eighth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

Summary Answers

Ans 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, with a few exceptions in one Monthly Meeting. First-day Meetings are usually attended by the larger part of our members.

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The number attending those held in the middle of the week, continues to be quite small, and they are wholly neglected by many. The hour is observed with little exception. unbecoming behavior mostly avoided.

2nd. We believe there is a good degree of love and unity maintained among us, yet they are evidently wanting with a few. Friends are careful to guard against detraction, yet not without some exceptions. Endeavors have been used to end differences.

3d. Most Friends, are, we believe, careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. There is a lack of sufficient care on the part of some parents, in training up their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

4th We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually, and collectively in their families. A few of our members do not maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

5th We believe the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is confined to a few of our members. Some are not as careful as would be best to avoid amusements and diversions, inconsistent with a Christian character. Moderation is generally observed.

6th. Clear in the several parts of this Query.

7th. Friends are clear, as far as appears, in regard to military matters; nearly clear in regard to oaths. One case of defrauding the public revenue, in which some care has been taken.

8th We think Friends are generally careful respecting the requirements of this query, yet we acknowledge deficiencies in the observance of all of them, on the part of a very few of our members; some care taken.

9th. Our records have been attended to. Quite a number of removals without Certificates.

10th. Endeavors are used to administer the discipline in christian tenderness, yet we are sensible of our shortcomings, especially regarding timely proceedings. Judgment has been placed according to discipline.

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At Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Lynn 8th Mo 21st 1879

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of Rep

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]: John H. [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]
William Chase.
From Seabrook: Albert C. Hill, Joseph [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
From Weare: [illegible]
All present
[illegible] present.

Appoint
of Clerks

[illegible]
[illegible] D. Newhall for Clerk and Charles H. Jones for Assistant Clerk, which nominations being generally approved, they are accordingly appointed to that service the ensuing year.

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[illegible] us at this time our beloved friends Thomas Kimber a Minister and his wife Mary S. Kimber [illegible] Stanley a Minister, and his wife Lydia Stanley

Thomas and
Mary S.
Kimber
&
[illegible]
Lydia Stanley

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[illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible]
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[illegible] Meetings.

Their company and religious services satisfactory.

Their company and religious services have been satisfactory to us.

Queries and Ans. read.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the Answers received from our Monthly Meetings.

Repts. to last Yearly Mtg.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they all attended.

J. P. Paige and C. T. Reader appd. Elders

Salem Monthly Meeting informs this Meeting that they have united with Salem Preparative Meeting [illegible] in the appointment of J. [illegible] Paige and Cary T. Reader to the station of Elders; which, after a time of serious consideration, was confirmed by this Meeting the Women's Meeting concurring, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Min. Yearly Mtg.

The following Minute from the Yearly Meeting has been received as follows, viz: At the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Baltimore, Md. in the Sixth Month 1879.

It was concluded to raise the sum of Four Thousand Dollars ($4000) for the use of the Meeting. [illegible] Quarterly Meeting are directed to pay the [illegible] their proportion of said sum. The Quota for Salem Quarterly Meeting 17 per ct is $[illegible].

Taken from the minutes of said Meeting
[illegible] Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible] pay to Charles A. Griffin our Treasurer their respective proportions of said sum of $650.

Salem Monthly Meetings Quota 60 pr ct = $ 415.
Seabrook " " " 20 pr " 136.
Weare " " " 20 pr " 136.
$650.

[illegible]
[illegible] the Quota of Printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting which have been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings in their respective proportions.

[illegible]
[illegible]

Returning Minutes [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
line in the 10th Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends [illegible]

[illegible] Monthly Meetings [illegible] appointed Representatives to this Meeting [illegible] Page, James R. Boyce and Joseph L. Nichols. [illegible] Seabrook, Joseph Cartland, Moses C.

[illegible] 250

[illegible] Weare [illegible].

From Weare: Charles H. Thorndike, George H. Jones
[illegible] Hussey and [illegible] Huntington.

[illegible] present [illegible] Whose names being called they are all present
[illegible] one Except one for whose absence a sufficient reason
[illegible].

Our friend Wm. J. [illegible]

Wm. J. Thurbing present a Minister, is in attendance of this Meeting with a minute of unity from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting of Friends, Indiana, endorsed by Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meeting, expressive of unity with [illegible]
amongst us.

Queries & [illegible] read The Queries have been read in this Meeting, and the Answers received from our several Monthly Meetings.

[illegible] [illegible] informs the Meeting that [illegible] Representatives [illegible] Quarterly Meeting of [illegible] General Epistle for 1879 a copy of which has been read in this Meeting [illegible] that the [illegible] may be pondered in our hearts and under the [illegible] Spirit of God, be a means of drawing us nearer together as [illegible] of the Lord.

[illegible] The Committee appointed in the Fifth Month last [illegible] appeal of [illegible] from the judgment of Salem Monthly Meeting [illegible]

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[illegible] Quarterly Meeting

11 mo. 11th Your Committee appointed Fifth Month last in
Report the case of [illegible] appeal from the judg-
continued ment of Salem Monthly Meeting,
Report: We have met all the parties, and given them a patient hearing, and believe that Salem Monthly Meeting should be sustained in its judgment in the case.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Report Which was approved by the [illegible]
Approved and the Clerk is directed to inform the parties in interest of our decision in the case, viz: that the judgment of Salem Monthly Meeting is confirmed by this Meeting.

Closing of Minute The business being gone through we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem at the established time in the First Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm. A. Venhall
Clerk

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Opening Minute At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem First Month 15th 1880

Names of Reps. By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this, viz: From Salem — [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible], Charles [illegible], Joseph [illegible] and [illegible]. From [illegible]: [illegible], [illegible] and Daniel [illegible].
From [illegible] — John [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible].

Reps. all present Which Friends being called they are all present.

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[illegible] Douglass [illegible] Ministers in [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], a Minister, with a minute of unity from [illegible] Monthly Meeting, [illegible] endorsed by Bangor Quarterly Meeting, David Douglass a Minister, with a minute of unity from [illegible] Monthly Meeting, Maine, endorsed by Fairfield Qtr. Meeting and [illegible] Elizabeth Mattesen also a Minister, with a minute of unity from Glens Falls Monthly Meeting, New York, endorsed by Glens Falls Quarterly Meeting, are acceptably in attendance of this Quarterly Meeting, whose religious [illegible] satisfactory to us.

Queries & ans read

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] from the several Monthly Meetings.

Appeal of J. W. Hanson to N. E. Yly Mtg

A communication from John W. Hanson, is received at this time, as follows, viz: "Boston 1st Mo 15th 1880

To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear Brothers & Sisters

Having been [illegible] by the [illegible] of this Meeting, [illegible] [illegible] the act of Salem Monthly Meeting, in denying me the right of membership, I appeal to New England Yearly Meeting.

Your Brother in Christ

J. W. Hanson"

Com appd

Whereupon we appoint [illegible] [illegible] Coffin, Peter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] a Committee to represent this Quarterly Meeting before the Yearly Meeting [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible] M. Mtg

The following communication is received from [illegible] Monthly Meeting of [illegible] [illegible], viz:

"At our Monthly Meeting held on the 12th [illegible] [illegible] information was received from our [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Returning Minutes for S. Elisabeth Malleson Josiah Dillon and David Douglass

A returning minute on behalf of S. Elisabeth Malleson prepared by the Womens Meeting has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting, and it is concluded to furnish our friends Josiah Dillon and David Douglass with returning minutes of a similar tenor.

Assessment levied upon Mo Mtgs

An assessment of Six Dollars & Twenty Five Cents proposed to be levied upon our Monthly Meetings to defray the expense of a Record Book for the Womens Meeting is united with by this Meeting :- and our several Monthly Meetings are directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to Charles F. Coffin our Treasurer, the Womens Meeting concurring.

Closing Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Amesbury at the established time in the Fifth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Mtg
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk

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5th Mo 27th At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
Opening Minute at Amesbury Fifth Month 27th 1880.

Names of Repes. By accounts received from our Several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are
For Salem — Joshua Buxton, Jr., Wm C. Newhall,
Newell Hill, James P. Boyce, Gilbert C. Hoag,
Charles F. Coffin, Moses F. Rogers and Wm Chase.
For Seabrook — Joseph Cartland, M. Alton Bailey,
Moses Huntington and Thomas Folsom.
For Weare — Charles H. Thorndike, Herod Chase
and Franklin F. Huntington, whose names being called, they are all present.

Queries & Ansrs read The Queries have been read in this Meeting, and the Answers received from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary has been prepared for the Yearly Meeting, to be held on Rhode Island in the Sixth Month next — We appoint our friends John Paige, Charles F. Coffin, Owen Dame, Joseph Cartland, Wm O. Newhall, Moses F. Rogers, Josiah D. Challis, Charles H. Thorndike, James P. Boyce, John H. Crosman and Gustavus Austin our representatives.

Report of Com to aid Weare Mo Mtg The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to render advice and assistance to Weare Monthly Meeting; report; That they have attended to their appointment and have agreed upon a report to be forwarded to Weare Monthly Meeting, and desire to be released. Which is satisfactory to the Meeting and the Committee is released accordingly.

Statistical Report recd. The statistical Report as required by the Discipline, has been recd from our several Monthly Meetings as follows; viz: Total number of members reported last year — 681
Births 6
Received by Request 5

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Number brought up	692
Removals into	4
	696
Deaths	10
Removals out	4
Resigned or Disowned	4
Present number of Members	678
	696 Loss 3.

Which we forward to the Yearly Meeting in our account to that Meeting.

ly Mtg Stock
o be paid

Our several Monthly Meetings report, that they have directed their Treasurers to forward to the Treasurer of this Meeting, their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock. And our Treasurer is hereby directed to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, as called for per minute of that Meeting received in the Eighth Month last, to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. They also report that they have directed the payment of their respective proportions for a Record Book for the Women's Meeting as directed at our last Quarterly Meeting.

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e paid for

port to Yly Mtg

An Essay for a Report to the Yearly Meeting has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting and forward it to that Meeting.

losing Minute

The business being closed we conclude, proposing to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the Eighth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm. O. Newhall
Clerk

Summary Answers.

1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except three in one small Preparative Meeting, and one very small

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Meeting for worship has been held a part of the time under the care of a Committee. First-Day Meetings are generally attended by the greater part of our members, Mid-week Meetings continue to be neglected by many. One Preparati Meeting reports an increased attendance both of First-Day and Mid-week Meetings. Some deficiency in the observance of the hour. Friends are nearly preserved from unbecoming behavior.

2nd We believe there is a good degree of love and unity maintained by nearly all our members; One Monthly Mtg reports some deficiency. Detraction is mostly guarded against. Care is taken to end differences.

3d Most Friends evince a care to maintain a religio life and conversation. Those having children and others under their care, endeavor we think, to train them up in accordance with our christian profession, although deficiencies are apparent in these respects.

4th Friends are generally careful, we believe, to read the Holy Scriptures as queried after. They maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry with a few exceptions.

5th We believe Friends are nearly clear from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We think some of our members are not so careful to avoid improper diversions and amusements as the Discipline requires.

6th Clear as far as we know.

7th Friends are we think, clear respecting military matters, with one exception. Clear in the remainder of this query, except a few cases in regard to oaths.

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8th We think Friends are in a good degree careful in these respects.

9th Friends are careful as to Records. A few removals both from and to our Meeting without certificates, in which some care has been taken.

10th We believe there is a care with Friends, to administer the Discipline and to place judgment as queried after, though we are sensible of some deficiency in these respects.

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Opening minute

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Lynn Eighth Month 19th 1880.

Names of Repts By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are
For Salem. Owen Dame, William Chase, Charles F. Coffin, William O. Newhall, Olney T. Meader, Eli Jepson and Joseph S. Nichols.
For Seabrook. Moses Huntington, Daniel Beede, Albert C. Hill, Peter F. Sweatt and Joseph Cartland.
For Weare. Dana E. Huntington, Dennis K. Chase, Charles H. Jones and John Thorndike whose names being called they are all present except one.

Apptmt of Clerks The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed – the Representatives propose Wm O. Newhall for Clerk, and Charles H. Jones for Assistant Clerk, which being severally approved, they are appointed to that service for one year.

Queries read The Queries have been read, and the required answers received from our several Monthly Meetings.

Boarding School Report read. The Report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence has been received and read.

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Sarah B. Satterthwaite & Mary White present from London Yly Mtg

We have with us at this time our beloved friends Sarah B. Satterthwaite a Minister, with Certificates of unity from Holm Monthly Meeting - the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland and Northumberland, and London Yearly Meeting of Ministry and oversight, held on the 17th and 18th of 5th mo 1880; also Mary White, who accompanies her Cousin Sarah B. Satterthwaite, with a minute of Edinburgh Two-Months Meeting, Endorsed by the General Meeting for Scotland held the 10th of the 5th Month, 1880. These minutes all express unity with our dear friends as ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

Abigail B. Kelley present

Our friend Abigail B. Kelley a Minister, is also in attendance of this Meeting, with a minute of unity from Salem Monthly Meeting Ohio, held 8th mo 11th 1880, Endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, Her Company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Abbie H. Kelley present

Abbie H. Kelley accompanying her Mother Abigail B. Kelley, is also present with a minute of unity signed by a Committee of Salem Quarterly Meeting, Ohio, dated 8th Mo 14th 1880 Certifying that she is a member in good esteem. Her company is acceptable to us.

Yly Mtg Minute on Stock

The following Minute of our late Yearly Meeting has been received and read viz "At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, Sixth Month 1880.

The Meeting concludes to raise the sum of Four Thousand ($4000.) Dollars, for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year.

Our several Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay to George Howland Jr, our Treasurer, their respective proportions of said sum.

The quota for Salem Quarterly Meeting

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17 per cent is $680.00.

On behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk"

Our several Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to forward to Charles F. Coffin our Treasurer, their respective proportions of Six Hundred & Eighty Dollars the sum called for

Salem Monthly Meeting	60 pr ct	= $ 408.
Seabrook " "	20 pr ct	= $ 136.
Weare " "	20 pr ct	= $ 136
		$680.

Report from
Yly Mtg in
J. W. Hanson's
Case

The following Minute from the Yearly Meeting has also been received, viz:

"To Salem Quarterly Meeting

The Yearly Meeting has confirmed the judgment of Salem Quarterly Meeting in reference to the appeal of John W. Hanson.

By direction of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport 6th Mo 1880
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk."

The Clerk is directed to inform John W. Hanson of the decision of the Yearly Meeting in the case.

Minutes of
Yly Mtg Recd

The Clerk informs the Meeting that he has received and forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings our quota of the Printed Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting; also several Copies of the Report of the Boarding School at Providence.

Returning Min
utes for
riends in
ttendance

Returning Minutes on behalf of our friends Sarah B. Satterthwaite, Mary White, Abigail B. Kelley and Abbie H. Kelley prepared by the Women's Quarterly Meeting, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

Closing Min
ute.

The business being closed we conclude, proposing to meet again at Weare at the usual time in the 10th month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting Wm O. Newhall Clerk.

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Opening Minute At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare
10th Mo 21st 1880.

Reps present. By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are;
For Salem. Owen Dame, Joseph S. Nichols, J. Ellwood Paige, Joshua Buxton Jr and William Chase.
For Seabrook. Thomas Folsom, Moses O. Nichols, Daniel Beede and Stephen Sweatt.
For Weare. Franklin T. Huntington, Lindley H. Osborne and George H. Jones, whose names being called they are all present except two, for whose absence sufficient reasons have been assigned.

J. D. Bell present Our beloved friend Jacob D. Bell, is with us at this time and has presented a Minute of Rochester Mo Meeting New York; expressive of unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagements amongst us.

His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Queries read The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers received from our several Monthly Meetings.

Ret. Minute for Jacob D. Bell A returning minute on behalf of our friend Jacob D. Bell has been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Closing Minute The Business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Salem at the usual time in the 1st Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk.

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1 Mo 20th

Opening Minute At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem
First Month 20th 1881

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pening Minute
eps present

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are
Viz: For Salem. Joshua Buxton Jr, Alvin Hoag, Wm O. Newhall, James P. Boyce, Alfred Manning, Gilbert C. Hoag and John H. Crosman.
For Seabrook. Josiah D. Challis, Daniel Beede and Albert C. Hill.
For Weare. John Paige and John W. Hanson, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers received from our Monthly Meetings.

ondon Epistle
ec & read

The London General Epistle for 1880 has been received and read at this time. We commend the timely and valuable counsel which it contains to the careful and prayerful consideration of all our Members. The Clerk informs the Meeting that the quota of this Epistle for this Quarterly Meeting has been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

lizabeth B.
vans present

Our beloved friend Elizabeth B. Evans is in attendance of this Meeting, with a Minute of China Monthly Meeting, expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagements amongst us.

Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

losing Minute

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at the established time in the 5th Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Wm O. Newhall
Clerk.

5th Mo 26th
Opening
Minute

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 5th Mo 26th 1881.
By accounts recd from our several Mo Mtgs. the following

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Reps present

named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Mtg

From Salem. Olney T. Meader, Alvin Hoag, Alfred Manning,
Joshua Buxton Jr, William Chase, Owen Dame,
and James P. Boyce.

From Seabrook. Moses Huntington, Moses O. Nichols, Joseph
Cartland and Daniel C. Maxfield.

From Weare. Charles H. Jones, Dennis R, Chase, David B.
Leighton, David Gove, Dana E. Huntington and
Charles H. Thorndike, whose names being called
they are all present.

S. Adelbert Wood present

Our beloved friend S. Adelbert Wood, a minister is in attendance of this Meeting and has presented a minute of unity from Rollin Monthly Meeting, Mich. Endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting — Expressive of unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious Engagements amongst us.

His company and services have been acceptable to us.

Mo Mtg Treas. directed to pay

Our several Monthly Meetings inform this Meeting that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of Stock called for by minute of 8th Mo last year.

Queries read & answered

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers received from our several Mo Mtgs. from which summary answers have been compiled, which we direct to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting next to be holden at Portland, Maine, to attend which we appoint our friends

Reps to Yly Mtg appd

Moses F. Rogers, John Paige, Thomas Folsom, Joseph Haines, Gilbert C. Hoag, Owen Dame, Moses Huntington, Wm O. Newhall, Daniel Beede, Charles H. Thorndike, Peter M. Neal, Joseph Cartland, James P. Boyce and Olney T. Meader, our representatives to attend said Meeting.

Ret minutes for S. A. Wood & E. B. Evans

A returning Minute on behalf of our friend S. Adelbert Wood has been read and approved, also one for Elizabeth B. Evans prepared by the Women's Quarterly Meeting – who attended this Meeting in the 1st Mo last and is again acceptably with us. The Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Mtg.

Statistics The following Statistical information has been received from our Mo Mtgs, which we direct to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting: Viz.

Total number of members reported last year	678
Births	8
Received by request	3
Removals into	7
	696
Deaths	11
Removals out	5
Resigned or Disowned	9
Present number of Members	671
	696
Loss	7

The following information has been received by way of Seabrook Monthly Meeting: Viz,

Seabrook Mtg suspended "The Meeting at Seabrook has been suspended as a Weekly Meeting; and a Meeting is held under the care of a Committee on the first First-Day in each Month, commencing at 10, Oclk, AM."

Pittsfield Mtg suspended "The Meeting at Pittsfield has been suspended; and a Committee appointed to arrange for, or hold Meetings there, as often as way may open for.

Essay to Yy Mtg. An Essay for a Report to the Yearly Meeting has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this Meeting and forward it to that Meeting.

Closing Minute The business being closed we conclude, proposing to meet again at Lynn at the usual time in the 8th Mo next. Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Wm O Newhall Clerk.

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Summary Answers.

1st All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been regularly held except five. First-Day Meetings are usually attended by the greater part of our Members. Mid-week Meetings are much more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. Unbecoming behavior is mostly avoided.

2nd Love and unity are maintained with few exceptions. Detraction nearly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

3d We think most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. With some exceptions care is taken by parents to train up their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

4th The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most of our families, individually and collectively. A few of our Members contribute to the support of a paid Ministry.

5th With few exceptions Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Not sufficiently careful in regard to the remainder of this Query.

6th Care has been taken and endeavors used to comply with the requisitions of this Query.

7th Nearly clear

8th With few exceptions in which some care has been extended Friends are careful in these respects.

9th Our Records have been attended to. Nearly clear as to certificates. Some care taken.

10th The Discipline has been administered in Christian

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tenderness and impartially, perhaps not always as timely as might be best. Judgment has been placed according to Discipline, with the exception of One Monthly Meeting which acknowledges it is not in condition to administer Discipline or place judgment as queried after.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn the 18th of 8 mo. 1881.

By the accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are

From Salem, Alvin Hoag, Joshua Buffum Jr.
William Chase J. Ellwood Paige
and Ezra Hawkes.
From Seabrook Daniel Beede Jos. Cartland
Moses Huntington and [illegible]
From Weare Thomas W. Thorndike
Moses Sawyer and Chas. H. Jones.

Whose names being called they are all present except one.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed the Representatives propose J. Ellwood Paige for Clerk, and Charles H. Jones for assistant clerk. Which nominations being severally approved they are appointed to that service for one year.

We do also with the concurrence of the women's meeting, reappoint Charles F. Coffin as our Treasurer for one year.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second, and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended except one, for whose non attendance a satisfactory reason was given.

Our beloved friend Abigail B. Kelley — a Minister, with a minute of unity from Salem Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting to this, acceptably attended this meeting.

We have received at this time from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting a copy of the report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence

We are also informed that copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

The following minute of our late Yearly Meeting has been rec'd viz.

To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends —
At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Portland Maine [illegible]
It was concluded to raise for the use of this meeting, the year to come, Four thousand Dollars ($4000.) Our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to the Treasurer [illegible] their respective quotas of said sum.
Salem, 17% $680.
By direction of the meeting
Wm C [illegible] Clerk

Our Monthly Meetings [illegible]
[illegible]

to Charles F. Coffin our Treasurer,

Salem	Mo. Meeting	paid	in	60 %		$ 408
Seabrook	"	"	"	" 20	"	136
Weare	"	"	"	" 20	"	136
						680

We have also received the following minute of our late Yearly Meeting, a copy of which the Clerk is directed to forward to each of our Monthly Meetings viz.

"To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends
At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England it was concluded to request our Monthly Meetings to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Foreign Mission work the present year.
By direction of the meeting
Wm O. Newhall Clerk
Sixth Month 11.

A returning minute for our friend Abigail B. Kelley, prepared by the womens meeting having been read and approved, the Clerk is directed to sign it in our behalf.

The business being closed at this time we conclude, proposing to meet in Weare at the established time in the Fourth Mo. next.
Signed in behalf of the Meeting
J. Ellwood Paige – Clerk

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[illegible] Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this meeting are;
For Salem Alvin Hoag, Jos. S. Nichols
Gilbert C. Hoag, Wm O. Newbold
Moses F. Rogers and Joshua B[illegible]
[illegible]
Albert C. Hill and Mary O. Nichols
[illegible]
Franklin T. Huntington
Whose names being called, they were all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was rendered.

Our Beloved friend S. Adelbert Wood a Minister, with a minute of unity from Rollin Monthly Meeting [illegible] Adrian Quarterly Meeting, Michigan, attended this meeting, [illegible] [illegible] have been acceptable to us. present

[illegible] from our several Monthly Meetings.

The Clerk informs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for 188[illegible] [illegible] Monthly Meetings. A copy of [illegible] portions of the Church of Christ. We earnestly commend the words of timely warning, of counsel and of encouragement to the careful attention of all our members.

A [illegible] prepared for our Friend [illegible] Wood has been read and approved, and being concurred in by the women's meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign it for this Meeting.

The business being closed for the time, we concluded, proposing to meet in Philadelphia at the established time in the First Month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

J. Ellwood [illegible]
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 19th of First Month 18[illegible]

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings,
Their Representatives to this meeting are as follows viz.
for Salem Wm C. [illegible] Wm [illegible]
Oliver P. [illegible] Thomas Wood
John K. Crossman & James P. Boyce
for Seabrook Daniel Beede & Albert C. Hill
for Weare Geo. K. Jones John F. Chase and
Moses Sawyer
Whose names being called they were all present

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings

[illegible] received from Seabrook Monthly Meeting viz.
West Newbury Pre. MG [illegible] "The Preparative Meeting at West Newbury has been joined to Amesbury Preparative Meeting, and their mid week meeting discontinued for the present."

Our beloved friend Charlotte A. Holmes, a
C. A. Holmes present. Minister with suitable credentials from Providence Monthly Meeting, acceptably [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] is united in [illegible] [illegible] after careful deliberation is [illegible] [illegible] meeting [illegible] [illegible] information [illegible] to [illegible] railroad managers in relation to reduction in fares, to friends attending our Quarterly Meetings — to serve one year.

[illegible] prepared by the women's meeting has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

The business being closed at this time we conclude, proposing to meet in Amesbury [illegible]

Signed on behalf of the meeting
J. Elmwood Paige, Clerk,

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Amesbury, [illegible] of Fifth [illegible]

By acc[illegible] Monthly Meetings, the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are as follows viz.

For Salem, Jno C. Newhall, Wm Chase [illegible] Neal, Owen Dame and Alvin Hoag.
[illegible] Nichols Emil C. Mayfield [illegible]
For Weare Charles H. Jones, Herod Chase, Franklin T. Huntington and Charles H. Thorndike.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] meeting, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which summary [illegible] the Sixth Month next.

We appoint representatives to that meeting as follows viz:

Albert C. Hill, Daniel C. Moffield,
Owen Dame, Olney F. Meader
Daniel Buede Wm E. Newhall
Ezra Hawkes, Charles H. Jones,
[illegible]
James P. Boyce, Alvin Hoag
[illegible] Jr.

[illegible] measure [illegible] attended this Quarterly Meeting.

[illegible] to the first of Third month [illegible] summarized and are as follows viz:

Total reported last year (Corrected)	673
Births	5
Rec'd by request	1
Removals into	[illegible]
	6[illegible]
[illegible]	
[illegible]	11
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	11[illegible]
[illegible]	1[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], the report [illegible] that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting their respective proportions of yearly meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] directed to pay, to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, [illegible] sum called for by minute of that meeting received in the Eighth [illegible] last.

A petition from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Preparative Meeting, for the establishment of a Monthly Meeting in that city, has been received by way of Salem Monthly Meeting. Whereupon we appoint
Owen [illegible], William [illegible]
Albert E. Hill, Robert L. Brown
Herod Chase, Charles H. Jones
to consider the same, in conjunction with a similar committee of women friends, and report their judgment [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

A returning minute for our friend Mary H. Morrill, prepared by the women's meeting, has been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

A request of Salem Monthly Meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting to take [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Meeting [illegible]

The following information has been received from [illegible] Monthly Meeting, viz:

"The meeting at [illegible] which has been held annually, is now [illegible] suspended at a regular meeting [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] to hold meetings there at such times as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]."

We may [illegible] report to the Yearly Meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The business being closed at this time, the meeting adjourning to meet at the time and place [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Signed in behalf of the meeting
John [illegible] Clerk

Summary Answers

1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

2nd The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

III We think more care in complying with the requisitions of this query would be useful

IV We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently [illegible] and collectively. We think there is a care with nearly all our members to maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

V Eleven cases of the use, and one of the sale of cider are reported by the Monthly [illegible] use of intoxicants. There are some deficiencies in regard to amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character. Moderation is generally observed.

VI Careful as to the several requirements [illegible]

VII Not quite clear in the requirements of this query. Some care taken.

VIII [illegible] little exception. Some care taken.

IX [illegible] Some friends have removed from, and come amongst us without [illegible]

X [illegible]

[illegible]

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held [illegible]

[illegible]

several Monthly Meetings. Their Repre-

[illegible]

sentatives are as follows viz,
for Salem Wm. Chase, Wm. A. Newhall,
Samuel Neal Ephraim E. Swan
Eli Jepson
for Seabrook Moses Huntington, Paul Bee[illegible]
Joseph Caldwell Albert E. Neal
for Weare Franklin T. Huntington
Chas. H. Jones Henry Chase
Whose names being called, they were all [illegible]

The time having expired for which the [illegible]
[illegible]
propose John Ellwood Paige for Clerk and Charles H. Jones for Assistant Clerk. Which nominations being separately considered were approved, and they accordingly appointed to those services respectively for [illegible]

Treasurer appointed. The Representatives also propose Charles T. Coffin for Treasurer which is approved, and he [illegible] ensuing.

Our beloved friend William P. Pinkham [illegible]

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second, and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting, report [illegible] except one, who gave a satisfactory reason for his non attendance.

The committee appointed to consider [illegible] establishment of a Monthly Meeting there, not being prepared to report is continued.

The following Minute of our late Quarterly Meeting has been received viz—

"At a [illegible]

[illegible] New England, Sixth Month 1880.

[illegible]

Meetings were directed to pay to George Howland Jr. our Treasurer their respective proportions of said sum.

Salem Quarterly Meeting's quota 17% $670.

By direction of the Meeting

Wm. C. Newhall Clerk."

Our several Mo. Meetings are hereby directed to pay to Chas. H. Coffin, our Treasurer, their respective proportions of the amount raised for:

Salem's quota	60%	$408.
Seabrook "	20 "	136.
Dover "	20 "	136.

[illegible]

[illegible] copies

Y. M. of the report of the Boarding School Committee all of which have been forwarded to our [illegible] Meetings.

We have also rec'd at this time, fifty copies [illegible]

Change in Mtg of Ministers & Elders name and constitution of meetings heretofore known as "Meetings of Ministers and Elders, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our Monthly Meetings, with directions that they take the necessary measures to carry out the provisions therein made.

In accordance with a minute of our late Yearly Meeting, the Clerk is directed to request our Monthly Meetings to appoint Committees to assist in raising funds [illegible] Foreign Missions.

A returning minute for our friend Wm. F. [illegible] having been read and approved, and concurred in by the Women's Meeting the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

[illegible]

Tenth Month 1873 —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10 Mo. 29th 1873.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this meeting are as follows viz:

For Salem Alvin Hoag, Wm C. Nichols
Grant C. Hoag, William Chase
Moses P. Rogers.
For Seabrook Joel S. Davis, Daniel Beede
Moses T. Nichols,
For Weare Nathan P. Buxton, Sewell C. Gove,
Dana E. Huntington, Dennis R. Chase.

Whose names being called, they were present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

M. M. Binford present — Our beloved Friend, Micajah M. Binford, a minister, with a minute of unity from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meeting Ind. is acceptably in attendance of this meeting.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second, and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

Wm Chase
Lucy P. Osborne
Mary B. Chase
appointed
Elders

Salem Monthly Meeting informs that it is united in the appointment of William Chase to the Station of Elder.
Weare Monthly Meeting informs that it is united in the appointment of Lucy P. Osborne and Mary B. Chase to the same Station.
All of which being deliberately considered, were approved and the appointments accordingly confirmed, the women's meeting concurring.

Weare Monthly Meeting informs that it has since
concurred with the Preparative Meeting on Minis-
try and oversight in acknowledging the gift, and
E. Larkin approving the public ministry of Ezekiel
ministry Larkin. After careful consideration the
approved judgment of Weare Monthly Meeting is
approved, the womens meeting concurring.
The Clerk is directed to give the necessary
information in the above cases.

Our beloved Friend, Louisa M. Fulgum, a minister
L. M. Fulgum with a minute of unity from Le Grand Monthly
& C. D. Holmes Meeting Iowa, and Charlotte D. Holmes, with a
present similar minute from Providence Monthly Meeting
are acceptably in attendance of this Quarterly
Meeting.

The joint Committee appointed in the Fifth Month
last to consider the petition of Friends in Boston
for the establishment of a Monthly Meeting there,
presented the following report, which is accepted
and the committee released — the womens meeting
concurring —

Report —

To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends. —
Report of Your Committee appointed in the 5th Mo last
Com. on to consider the petition of Friends in Boston
Boston Preparative Meeting for the establishment of a
petition Monthly Meeting in that city, submit the following
We have held four meetings: two public meetings
with the parties interested, and two for consult-
ation, in which all have had an opportuni-
ty to express their views and feelings on
the subject, and not being agreed in granting
the request & believing a further continuance of
the Committee will not tend to a different result
desire to be released from further service.

Signed by order of the Committee
Owen Dame Chairman.

Weare 10 mo. 19 1882

London General Epistle Received

The Clerk informs that he has received from the Representative Meeting 450 copies of the London General Epistle for 1882, which have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings. The reading of this epistle is deferred to our next meeting.

Com. to consider Boston petition

A nominating committee appointed by this and the Women's Meeting, have proposed the following committee, to whom is referred the petition of Friends in Boston presented to this meeting in the Fifth Month last; and they are desired to report their judgment thereon to a future meeting the Women's meeting concurring.

Names of Committee.

Daniel C. Hatfield, Alice W. Hatfield
John L. Folsom Mary A. Folsom
John Thorndike Gulielma M. Thorndike
Lucy P. Osborne.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Salem at the established time in the First Month next.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.
John Ellwood Paige
Clerk

First Month 1883—

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem, 18th of First Month 1883.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are as follows viz.
From Salem Alvin Hoag, John H. Grossman
Hiram F. [illegible] Wm [illegible]
Moses F. Rogers
From Seabrook Daniel Beede, Stephen Sweett
Joel H. Davis Daniel C. Moffitt
From Weare Moses Sawyer Chas. H. Thorndike
Franklin T. Huntington.
All of whom responded to the call of their names

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second and third from our Monthly Meetings —

The following named Friends have been proposed as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight agreeably to a recommendation of our last Yearly meeting viz,
Salem Mo. Meeting proposes—
Alfred Manning, Elizabeth R. Hoxie,
Mary A. Fox, Elizabeth M. Green
Thomas Wood,
Seabrook Mo. Meeting proposes—
John L. Folsom, Moses C. Nichols
Ann W. Nichols Peter F. Dowst
M. Alton Bailey Rebecca F. Beede
Sophia Davis Amanda H. Dow
Lois L. Green

Appointees to Ministry M. & O.

After careful consideration, the proposals were approved and the appointments confirm the women's meeting concurring - and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

London Epistle read. The London General Epistle for 1883 has been read in this meeting to our instruction and edification, and the earnestness and aptness of its counsel are warmly commended to the attention of our members.

The following communication from Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been received viz.
"To Salem Quarterly Meeting -

Time of holding Q.M. on M. and O. proposed change. At Salem Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Salem 11th Mo. 17th 1883.
This meeting is united in proposing to the Quarterly Meeting, that this Meeting be held at Salem in the First Month, at half past two, instead of at ten o'clock [illegible] as at present.

Taken from the Minutes
Ellen Dame Clerk for the day.

After consideration, the proposed change is approved, the women's meeting concurring, and the clerk is directed to forward the proposition to the Yearly Meeting.

E. [illegible] to make R.R. arrangement. We appoint Allen P. [illegible] to make the needful arrangements with the railroad managers in regard to return tickets for Friends attending our Quarterly Meeting, to serve one year.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Amesbury at the established time in the Fifth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting by [illegible] Clerk

Fifth Month 1883.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury - 5 Mo. 24 1883.

Accounts have been received from our several Monthly Meetings. Their Representatives to this meeting are as follows viz.

From Salem Wm C. Newhall Thomas Wood
Wm Chase Alvin Hoag
Ezra B. Johnson Owen Dame
From Seabrook Joseph Cartland [illegible]
Stephen Sweatt, Jonathan K. [illegible]
Albert C. Hill
From Weare Moses Huntington Dan'l C. Moffitt
Chas. H. Jones Dennis R. Chase

Who were present except [illegible] for whose absence sufficient reasons were given.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which summary answers have been compiled for the Yearly Meeting to be held in Portland in the Sixth Mo. next. We appoint Representatives to that meeting as follows viz.

Moses Huntington, Owen Dame
Alvin Hoag Moses F. Rogers
Olney T. Meader, Peter M. Neal
Dan'l C. Moffitt, Chas. H. Jones
Joseph Cartland Chas. H. Thorndike
John F. Chase.

Members of Meeting on M. & O. appointed

Salem Monthly Meeting [illegible] the name of [illegible] and Weare Monthly Meeting the names of Wm. H. Thorndike Hannah E. Chase
Chas. H. Jones Ellen E. Jones
Dennis R. Chase & Abby Paige
as members of the Meeting on Ministry and

Oversight. Which being considered are approved and the appointments confirmed - the womens meeting concurring, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information

Our several Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed their Treasurers to pay their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this meeting, and our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay our quota of said stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Our several Monthly Meetings have prepared the usual statistical report which the clerk is directed to summarize and forward to the Yearly Meeting.

Statistics

Total number reported last year	660
Births	3
Moved in	20
Admitted	9
	692
Dead	19
Moved out	3
Released	2
Present number	668
	692

Gain 8 -

Salem Mo. Mtg. Time of hold'g [illegible] 6 Mo. changed

Salem Monthly Meeting propose that the time of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the Sixth month be changed to the first Sixth day in the month which being considered is approved, the womens meeting concurring and the change is accordingly made and the clerk is directed to forward necessary information.

The Committee appointed in the 10 Mo last on account of the petition of Friends of Boston Preparative meeting for the establishment of a Monthly Meeting in that city, presented the following report.

"To Salem Monthly Meeting to be held at Amesbury 5 Mo 24 1883.

Report of Com. on Boston Mo Mtg

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Boston Preparative Meeting, present the following report viz. We have carefully considered the case, and are united in recommending that the petition be granted.

Daniel C. Mayfield
Alice W. Mayfield
John Thorndike
[illegible]
Lucy J. Osborne.

For the Committee

Amesbury 5 mo. 21 1883

Which being read and considered in joint session - the judgment of the meeting is, that the report be accepted. And the committee is continued, and desired to make the necessary arrangements for the setting up of such meeting and to report.

The business being closed, we conclude proposing to meet in Lynn at the established time in the Eighth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige Clerk

Summary Answers

I. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except one small meeting omitted a few times, for which a satisfactory reason is given. First day meetings are attended by the greater part of our members. Midweek meetings are attended by but few. Most Friends are careful to observe the hour. Unbecoming behavior is nearly avoided.

II. Love and unity are with little exception maintained. Detraction not wholly guarded against. Some care taken to end differences.

III. There is a good degree of care to maintain a religious life and conversation. More care is needed, both by example and precept, in training our children in accordance with our Christian profession.

IV. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families and individually. We think there is a care with most of our members to maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

V. Seven (7) cases of the use of intoxicating liquors are reported from two of our Monthly Meetings. Some exceptions must be noted in regard to unchristian amusements.

VI. Care has been taken and endeavors used to comply with the requisitions of this query.

VII. Not quite clear, as to military matters, oaths, and in regard to defrauding the public revenue, VIII Friends are careful in these respects with little exception.

IX Not quite clear as to records. A few removals without certificates,

X. Care is taken in these respects; yet there is some deficiency in the important duties of administering the discipline —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 16th of 8 Mo. 1883.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are as follows viz-

For Salem, Wm Chase, Owen Dame,
Wm O. Newhall [illegible] Austin
Newell Hill, Olney T. Meader
For Seabrook Albert C. Hill [illegible] Osborne
Charles E. Brown
For Weare Chas. H. Jones, Herod Chase
Samuel O. Nichols
Who are present except one.

Clerks The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed, Owen Dame on behalf of the representatives proposed John Edward Page for Clerk and Charles H. Jones for Assistant Clerk, which nominations being separately considered were approved and they appointed to those stations respectively for one year.

We do also with the concurrence of the Womens Quarterly Meeting reappoint Charles F. Coffin Treasurer for one year.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers to the First, Second and Tenth, from our several Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report that they all attended

The joint Committee continued from our last Quarterly Meeting to make arrangements for the setting up of Boston Monthly Meeting, presented the following report viz-

To Salem Quarterly Meeting

The committee to whom was referred the subject of establishing a Monthly Meeting in the City of Boston, make the following recommendations in regard to it.

First - The Meeting be known by the name of "Boston Monthly Meeting" - and that the boundary line between Boston and Salem Monthly Meetings be the South-west line of Essex County.

Second - that the first meeting be held the 12th of next Month, (ninth month) at half past 3 o'clock in the afternoon - and that Monthly Meetings be held regularly hereafter on the Fourth day before the Second Fifth day in each month, at the hour above named.

Third that a joint committee of six - (two from each Monthly Meeting) be appointed to attend the first Meeting

Daniel C. Mosfield } For the
Alice W. Mosfield } Committee

Lynn 8 mo. 16 1882

Which being considered is approved -

We do therefore with the concurrence of the womens meeting, establish a Monthly Meeting in Boston, to be known as Boston

Monthly Meeting of Friends. Said Meetings be held on First day before the second Fifth day in each Month at 3½ P.M.

Boston Mo. Mtg. Set off

It is further directed that a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight be held in Boston, on the day of the Monthly Meeting next succeeding each Quarterly Meeting at 10½ O'clock A.M.

And in accordance with the recommendation of the above report, We appoint Wm. C. Newhall, John H. Crosman, Albert C. Hill, Joseph Carlton, Charles C. Jones, [illegible], to attend the opening of said Monthly Meeting in Ninth Mo. next & to report.

Com. to attend opening of Boston Mo. Mtg.

Agreeably to instructions contained in the following minute of our last Yearly Meeting our several Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of $680, to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

Y.M. Stock

Salem's	quota	@	60% is	$408.00
Seabrook's	"	"	20 " "	136.00
Weare's	"	"	20 " "	136.00

Minute —

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Portland Maine Sixth Month 1883

It was concluded to raise the sum of Four thousand Dollars, for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year. Our several Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay to Geo. Howland Jr. our Treasurer their respective proportions of said sum on or before the first of Sixth Mo. next

Salem Quarterly Meeting's quota
is $680.

By direction of the Meeting
Wm. C. Newhall Clerk

N.B. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to

appoint committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Foreign Mission work the coming year.
(See printed Minutes No. 28)

Our Monthly Meetings are directed to to appoint committees to assist in raising funds for carrying on the different branches of foreign mission work under the charge of the Yearly Meeting.
The following minute has also been received from the Yearly Meeting - & the clerk is directed to give the necessary information - viz -

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Portland Maine in the 6 mo, 1883
To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends.
The account from Salem Quarterly Meeting contains a proposition that the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the first month be changed from 2 P.M. to 2½ P.M., with which the womens meeting unite, and the change is accordingly made - and the clerk is requested to inform that Meeting of our action in the case by furnishing it with a copy of this minute.

Mtg on M. & O in 1st mo changed from 2 to 2½ P.M.

On behalf of the meeting
Wm C. Newhall
Clerk.

Com on apportionment

We appoint Owen Dame Wm Chase Joseph Cartland Albert C. Hall Daniel Chase Lindley C. Osborne Lucius C. Hovey and Oliver [illegible] Meader to consider the subject of a new apportionment among our Monthly Meetings

The clerk informs that he has received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting several copies of the Boarding school report also the usual number of printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which have been sent down to our Monthly Meetings

The business being closed we conclude, proposing to meet in Weare at the established time in the 10 Mo. next.
Signed on behalf of the Meeting
John Ellwood Caige
Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10 Mo. 18 1853
By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives to attend this meeting are as follows viz-
For Salem Monthly Meeting Wm O Newhall,
Peter M. Neal Wm Chase, [illegible] Manning
[illegible] Dame
For Seabrook Mo. Meeting Moses C. Nichols
Albert C. Hill Thomas [illegible]
For Weare Mo. Meeting Geo. H. Jones,
John Thorndike, Nathan P. Breston
For [illegible] Monthly Meeting Obed [illegible]
[illegible] Dalton Ezra Hawkes [illegible] C. [illegible]
All of whom are present

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the answers to the first second & [illegible] from our Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to attend the opening of Boston

Monthly Meeting - report the service accomplished.

Salem Monthly Meeting requests that the time of holding its meetings, be changed from 10 A.M. & 2½ P.M. in the 12th 1st & 2nd months, and to 2 P.M. the remaining months - which being considered is approved, the womens meeting concurring and the change accordingly made, to go into effect upon receipt of this information.

Seabrook Monthly Meeting requests that its name be changed to Amesbury Monthly Meeting. Upon consideration the subject is referred back to that Monthly Meeting Women friends concurring

Olney T. Meader Correspondent Boston Mo. Mtg.

Boston Monthly Meeting informs that it has appointed Olney T. Meader as its correspondent: Which information the clerk is directed to forward.

The Clerk informs that he has received from the Representative Meeting [illegible] copies of the London General Epistle for 1883. which are directed to be forwarded to our Monthly Meetings. A copy of the foregoing Epistle has been read at this time, and we have felt that the earnestness of its appeal to the Society of Friends wherever it may be located is such as we can urgently commend to the prayerful study and heed of all our membership-

Com. to [illegible]

We appoint on the part of this meeting, Chas. H. Thurston, John F. Chase, Olney T. Meader, Wm C. Maxfield, Ezra Hawkes Geo. C. Hicks Albert C. Hill to visit as way shall open, some of the smaller meetings within our limits, to encourage and strengthen them in their work, and they are requested to report to this meeting.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Salem at the established time in the First Month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting -
John Ellwood Paige Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem First Month 17th 1884

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are
For Salem John H. [illegible]man, [illegible] Hoag
Alfred Manning, Ezra F. Johnson
For Seabrook Daniel C. Marfield, Albert C. Hill
For Weare Hiram Chase, Franklin [illegible]ington
Josiah D. Chase
For Boston Geo. A. Barton, Ezra Hawkes
David A. Murray
Who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Sara F. Hoag appd Elder

Boston Monthly Meeting proposes the appointment of Sara F. Hoag to the station of Elder - which proposition being considered is approved, the womens meeting concurring - and the appointment is accordingly made, and the Clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

Name of Seabrook Mo Mtg changed to Amesbury Mo

Seabrook Monthly Meeting again proposes that its name be changed to Amesbury Monthly Meeting. Which being considered is approved the womens meeting concurring - and the change is accordingly made, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

The clerk is directed to forward the following information from Salem Monthly Meeting. "Martha N. Hunt a Minister,

M. N. Hunt received by certificate from Sand Creek Mo. Meeting, Indiana in 7 Mo. 1883 was released from membership on her own request in 10 Mo. last."

The subject of the boundary between Salem and Boston Monthly Meetings claiming our attention it is concluded by this meeting that the line established by the Quarterly Meeting be changed so as to include the City of Lawrence within

Lawrence included in Boston Mo. Mtg. the limits of Boston Monthly Meeting - in which the womens meeting concurs - And the clerk is directed to inform Salem and Boston Monthly Meetings of this conclusion -

The business being closed we conclude - proposing to meet in Amesbury at the established time in Fifth Month next =

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
John [illegible] [illegible] Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at [illegible] Fifth Month 22nd 188[illegible]

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are

For Salem, John H. [illegible], Geo. C. [illegible]
Aaron Hoag, William Chase, Joshua [illegible].
For Amesbury Joseph Cartland Wm. F. Vining
Moses C. Nichols Daniel C. [illegible]
For Lynn Franklin S. Huntington Lindley M. Osborne
Charles F. Thorndike, Micah Chase
For Boston [illegible] N. Holway, Thomas [illegible]

Who are present except [illegible] - for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given-

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings from which Summary answers have been prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in Sixth Month next. We appoint Representatives to said meeting as follows viz-

Daniel C. Maxfield, Wm O. Newhall, Thomas Wood;
John H. Crosman Charles H. Jones, James P. Boyce
Alfred Manning John F. Chase Hiram Chase
Owen Dame, Olney T. Meader, Wm F. Vining-

Mary H. Morrell present

Our beloved Friend Mary H. Morrell, a minister attended this Quarterly Meeting, and produced satisfactory credentials from Berwick Monthly Meeting - Her company and services have been satisfactory to us-

We are united in requesting of the Yearly meeting an interpretation of the last clause of the Tenth Query-

We unite with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ezra Hawkes, Mary B. Frain Alice M. Hawkes Cristina C. Wood and Susan H. Minot as Members of the Meeting on Ministry and oversight the womens meeting concurring and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information-

With one exception - that of Weare Mo. Mtg - our Monthly meetings inform that they directed the payment of their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of this meeting. We hereby direct our Treasurer to pay our proportion of said stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting the following statistics of membership compiled from returns made by our several Mo. Meetings-

Number reported last year		668
	Less Error	1
		667
Statistics	Births	1
	Deaths	16
	Moved in	18
	Moved out	5
	Admitted	14
	Received	7
	Gain	4
	Present number	672

The committee appointed in Eighth Mo last to consider the subject of a new apportionment recommend the following

Salem	53 %
Amesbury	20 "
Weare	20 "
Boston	7 "

Which being considered is approved the womens meeting concurring —

The Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared by the womens meeting for Mary H. Morrell —

We are united in requesting of the Yearly Meeting that it grant permission for Quarterly Monthly and Preparative Meetings to hold their business meetings in joint session or as united meetings of men & women friends — when in their judgment such a course seems desirable — Women Friends concurring —

The abstract of a report to the Yearly Meeting has been read & approved & the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf —

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Lynn at the usual time in 8 Mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the Mtg — John Ellwood Page Clk

Answers — 5 mo. 1884

I All our meetings for worship and discipline have been held with four exceptions. Sufficient reasons were given for these omissions. First day meetings have been attended by the greater part of our members; while those in the middle of the week have been much neglected. The hour is nearly observed. Clear of unbecoming behavior with little exception.

II With a few exceptions love and unity are maintained among us.- Detraction not wholly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

III With little exception friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, More care is needed both by example and precept, in training our children in accordance with our Christian profession-

IV. We believe most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually, as well as collectively in their families, and encourage their children in this practice. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is not fully maintained

V Eight cases of the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage are reported. Not sufficiently careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character. Moderation is observed.-

VI The circumstances of the Poor, are inspected and their necessities relieved. Care is taken to educate their children.

VII Some instances of neglect in maintaining our testimony against oaths & military matters Nearly clear as regards the public revenue.

VIII Friends are generally careful in these particulars

IX. Our records have been attended to. A few cases of removals without certificate

X We believe the Discipline is administered in Christian tenderness. and impartially, tho' not always as timely as would be best. Our Monthly Meeting reports more care needed in placing judgment —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn
8 Mo 21 1884 —
Reports have been received from our Monthly Meetings —
Their Representatives to this meeting are as follows viz —
For Salem Owen Dame Wm. C. Newhall
Wm. Chase Clement R. Hanson —
For Amesbury Stephen Sweatt Joseph Cartland
Wm. F. Vining Peter F. Sweatt
For Weare Geo. W. Jones Dana E. Huntington
Dennis L. Chase Samuel C. Nichols
For Dover Geo. A. Dalton [illegible] L. Meader —
Whose names being called, they were all present but one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given —

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired — Owen Dame on behalf of the Representatives proposed John Elwood [illegible] for Clerk and Albert C. Hill for assistant clerk

Clerks

Which nominations being separately considered were approved, and they accordingly appointed to their positions respectively for the ensuing year — We also with the concurrence of the womens meeting reappoint [illegible] Treasurer for one year.

R. H. Thomas
M. S. Thomas
F. Lupton
Minister

Our beloved friends Richard H. Thomas and Mary Snowden Thomas from Baltimore Mo. Meeting and Francis Lupton from Short Creek Mo. Meeting are in attendance of this meeting, and have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings. Their company and gospel services have been acceptable to us; and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of the foregoing minute as it relates to each of them respectively.

The Queries have been read in this meeting - with answers to the First Second and Sixth from our Monthly Meetings.

A W. Paige
App'd
Elder

This meeting unites with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna W. Paige to the station of Elder, in which the Womens meeting concurs and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information-

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report that they all attended but one, who was prevented by illness-

The following minute from the Yearly Meeting has been received viz:

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the Sixth Mo. 1854.-

To Salem Quarterly Meeting - It was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting the ensuing year the sum of Four Thousand Dollars — which our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to George Howland Jr. our Treasurer, in their usual proportions on or before the first of Eighth Month next. The quota of Salem Quarterly ~~Meeting~~ - 17% is 680.

Our several Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to assist in raising the

AT the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I., in Sixth Month, 1884, changes were made in the Discipline as follows, viz.:—

On page 101 (edition of 1878) under the head of "Preparative Meetings," the paragraph beginning with the words "Small Preparative Meetings," is stricken out; and under the head of "Meetings for Discipline," on page 74, after the words "mutual consent" the following is inserted, viz.:—

"Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings may be held as United Meetings of Men and Women Friends, whenever in the judgment of said Meetings it is desirable.

"United Quarterly and Monthly Meetings shall appoint one man and one woman as Clerks, and where the superior Meeting is held in separate sessions, separate Reports shall be made and signed by each Clerk for his or her respective Meeting.

"United Preparative Meetings may appoint but one Clerk, either man or woman.

"Whenever the Discipline requires concurrent action all such business may be transacted either in separate or joint sessions or in United Meetings."

THE last clause of the 10th Query, page 106, viz.:—"And is judgment placed, when it appears necessary, in the authority of Truth and according to discipline," is stricken out.

necessary additional funds to carry on the Foreign Mission work.

The following changes have been made in our Discipline, as will appear on the accompanying slips which have been printed for insertion in our books of Discipline, edition of 1878, between pages 74 and 75 in all the books belonging to our subordinate meetings

By direction of the meeting aforesaid
Wm C Newhall Clerk -

Our several Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of $680. viz

Cy M Stone

Salem	53%	360.40
Amesbury	20%	136.00
Weare	20%	136.00
Boston	7%	47.60
		$ 680.00

Our Monthly Meetings are also directed to appoint Committees to assist in raising funds for carrying on the work of Foreign Mission.

75 slips containing changes in discipline referred to in the foregoing minute are received, and directed to be sent down to our Monthly Meetings.

The usual number of printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting also several copies of the Boarding School report have been forwarded to our Monthly Meetings -

The business being closed we conclude purposing to meet in Weare at the customary time in 10 mo next -

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Elwood Paige Clerk

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10 mo. 16th 1884.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives are for Salem Aven Dame Alfred Manning
Wm O. Newhall Geo. C. Herbert
For Amesbury Stephen Sweatt Joseph Cartland
Moses O. Nichols Albert C. Hill
For Weare Wm T. Morse Paul Hussey
Dennis R. Chase David Gove
Samuel O Nichols
For Boston Thomas Ford Elmer T. Meader
Whose names being called they were all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers to the First Second & Tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The Clerk informs that he has received from the Representative Meeting the usual number of copies of the London General Epistles for 1884 which we send down to our Monthly Meetings. A copy of the above epistle has been read at this time, and we have welcomed this annual message of brotherly regard and Christian counsel from the parent Yearly meeting, and commend it to the careful perusal of our members.

The committee appointed last year to visit our smaller meetings — presented the following report viz

Report of Com. to visit small Mtgs

The Committee appointed a year ago to have oversight of some of the weaker meetings report as follows. Four members of the committee have visited Pittsfield meeting and labored as the Lord has led. A series of union meetings was held in the winter, and about the same number of calls made on families. There were four professed conversions and several renewals.

The meetings were well attended.-
Two other members of the Committee spent one First day there. They report a good degree of interest and an earnest desire on the part of the workers there for the promotion of the cause of Christ. One member of the committee reports having visited the meeting of late, and finding it in a prosperous condition.
Some members of the Yearly Meetings committee have been holding a series of meetings there within the last two weeks. We are sorry that we have no definite report of the work. No other meetings have been visited

C. M. Thorndike —
On behalf of the Committee.

The report is satisfactory & encouraging; and the same committee is continued with the addition of the name of Stephen Sweatt. The womens meeting concurring -

This meeting unites with the womens meeting in allowing its clerk to complete certain unfinished records, and to draw upon the Treasurer of this meeting for the expense -

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Salem at the usual time in the First month next

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Edward Paige Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem First Mo. 15th 1885

By reports from our Monthly Meetings - the Representatives to this Meeting are

For Salem Owen Dame Clement R. Hanson
Newell Hill William Chase
Joshua Buxton, Gustavus Austin
For Amesbury Thomas Folsom John L Folsom
For Weare Elwood Chase John Thorndike
Franklin S. Huntington
For Boston Olney T. Meader David N. Holway

Who were present except two from Amesbury Monthly Meeting - satisfactory reasons for the absence of whom were given -

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from our Monthly Meetings -

member of Mtg on M&O.

We have united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Alfred Manning, Peter M. Neal, Geo. C. Herbert, Gustavus Austin, Clement R Hanson, Elizabeth H. Valentine, Lydia C. Neal and Sam P. Hawkes Jr - as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight - the same being a complete revision of their list - Also with Weare Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Mary Alma Chase and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Wood, Elizabeth F. Swan and David N. Holway to like membership - in all of which the womens meeting concurs -

The Treasurer of this meeting is hereby directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our quota of Yearly Meeting Stock -

It is concluded to raise the sum of Fifty dollars to meet incidental expenses of the Quarterly Meeting - as they may arise from time to time - and our Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of said sum to Charles F. Coffin Treasurer - the womens meeting concurring

Salem Mo Meetings proportion	@	53 %		26.50
Amesbury "	"	"	" 20 "	10.00
Weare "	"	"	" 20 "	10.00
Boston "	"	"	" 7 "	3.50
				$ 50.00

We reappoint Allen P. Aldrich to make arrangements with the Railroads in relation to reduction in fares to Friends attending our Quarterly Meetings -

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Amesbury at the established time in Fifth Mo. next -

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Page Clerk -

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Amesbury 5 Mo. 28th 1885 -

Accounts have been received from our Monthly Meetings. Their representatives to this meeting are as follows viz -

For Salem Edwin Dunn Wm C. Newhall Samuel Neill Peter M. Neal [illegible] Austin William Chase, Clement R. Hanson -

For Amesbury Robert L. Brown, Albert E. Hill, Daniel E. Maxfield & Jonathan H. Osborne -

For Weare Lindley H. Osborne, Franklin S. Huntington - Charles H. Thorndike & Dennis R. Chase -

of Boston, Alner T. Meader & David K. Holway; who are present except three — for the absence of two of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

The clerk being absent, William O. Newhall is appointed clerk for the day.

A.C. & E.H. Tuttle present

Our beloved friends Asa C. Tuttle and Emeline H. Tuttle, attended this meeting with minutes of concurrence from Dover Monthly Meeting, expression of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements amongst us. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and Answers prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held in Portland Me. in the Sixth Mo. next. to which we appoint as Representatives our friends Robert L. Brown, Owen Dame, Joseph Cartland, Wm. C. Newhall, Alner T. Meader, Joshua Buffum, Daniel Littlefield, Charles H. Jones, Charles E. Peasley, Peter M. Neal, John F. Chase & Thomas Folsom.

Statistical information has been received from our monthly Meetings a summary of which the clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting with the other extracts. It is as follows, viz—

Statistics

Number reported last year	672
Birth	1
Deaths	8
Moved in	12
Moved out	8
Admitted	18
Released	4
Gain	11
Present number	683

Amesbury Monthly Meeting proposes as members of the meeting on Ministry & Oversight,
Milton Bailey, Moses C. Nichols, Ann C. Nichols, Lois J Dunne, Sophia Davis, Rebecca C. Breed and Amanda M. Brown - which after consideration is approved by this meeting - and the appointments accordingly made, with the exception of Milton Bailey, who we are informed has deceased since the above list was approved by that meeting.

Members of Mtg on M & O -

Weare Monthly Meeting proposes Charles H. Thorndike, Hannah D. Chase, Geo. H. Jones, Ellen C. Jones, Dennis C. Chase, Mary Emily Chase, John Thorndike and Gulielma M. Thorndike, as members to the same meeting - Which is also approved.

D. N Kearny resignation

Boston Monthly Meeting informs this meeting that they have accepted the resignation of David N. Kearney as a member of the meeting on Ministry & Oversight, which is accepted by this & the womens meeting, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

All our Monthly Meetings report that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this meeting, their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock -

A returning minute prepared by the women's Quarterly Meeting on behalf of our friend Emmeline H. Little was now read and approved by this meeting - and the clerk is directed to furnish our friend Asa C. Little and sign it on behalf of this meeting - viz. "Our beloved friend Emmeline H. Little attended this meeting with credentials from yours, which with her service in the Gospel, have been acceptable to us.

Boston Monthly Meeting proposes that the their Monthly Meeting in the Sixth Month in future be held on Fourth day P.M. before the first Fifth day in the Sixth Month which this and the Women's Meeting approve of granting and the clerk is directed to inform that meeting that the change is accordingly made.

An Essay for a report to the Yearly Meeting has been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign and forward it.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet again in Lynn at the usual time in the Eighth Month next-

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Clerk for the time-

Answers Fifth Mo. 1885-

1 All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except three small meetings, for the omission of which, sufficient reasons were assigned. First day meetings are usually attended by the larger part of our members. Those in the middle of the week are much neglected. The hour is not fully observed. Unbecoming behavior is nearly avoided-

2 With few exceptions love and unity are maintained among us. Detraction not fully guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences when they have appeared.

3 Most of our members are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. Some do not exercise sufficient care to train up their children in accordance with our Christian profession.

4 We believe the larger part of our members fre-

quently read the Holy Scriptures individually and collectively in their families and encourage their children in the practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is not fully maintained.

5 Seven cases are reported of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We think more care is necessary on the part of some to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character. Moderation is generally observed.

6 The circumstances of the poor are attended to and care is extended in the education of their children.

7 Clear in regard to military matters, and the public revenue, with a slight exception in one Monthly Meeting. Nearly clear in regard to oaths.

8 Nearly all our members are careful in these respects. Some deficiency exists regarding punctuality to promises and living within proper limits.

9 Our records have been attended to. Some removals without certificates. Some care taken.

10 The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness, and impartially, tho' not always as timely as would be best.

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn
8 mo 20th 1885—

Accounts have been received from our monthly Meetings by which it appears the following named friends have been appointed to this meeting viz—

For Salem Wm O. Newhall Owen Dame
Peter M. Neal Clement K. Hanson Eli Jepson
For Amesbury Joseph Cartland Robert L Brown
Daniel C. Marfield
For Weare John Paige Herod Chase
For Boston Thomas Nord Stephen Breatt

Who are present except two. for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was given—

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed— the Representatives propose John Ellwood Paine for Clerk and Albert C Hill for assistant clerk; which nominations being severally considered and approved are confirmed, and they accordingly appointed to those services respectively for one year.

The Representatives also propose Charles F. Coffin for Treasurer the ensuing year— which is approved, and he accordingly appointed— the womens meeting concurring—

Thos. & Mary S. Kimber present

Our beloved friends Thomas Kimber a minister and Mary S. Kimber an Elder from New York Monthly Meeting and Addison White a minister from Fern Grove Mo. Meeting Iowa, with certificates of unity from their respective meetings, are acceptably in attendance of this Quarterly Meeting—

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our Monthly Meetings

Our beloved friend Ann Gause, a minister with a minute of unity from Dublin Mo. Meeting of Friends Indiana endorsed by White Water Quarterly Meeting, is acceptably in attendance of this Quarterly Meeting –

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report that they all attended

The following minute of our last Yearly Meeting has been received viz –

To Salem Quarterly Meeting

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland Me – in the Sixth Month 1885
It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year the sum of four thousand dollars ($4000) which sum our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay to Geo. Howland Jr. our Treasurer, on or before the First of Fifth Mo. next –
The Quota of Salem Quarterly Meeting 17% is Six hundred Eighty dollars – ($680.)

On behalf of the meeting
Wm O. Newhall Clerk

Our Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to pay the sum called for in their respective proportions to Chas F. Coffin Treasurer – on or before the first of 5 Mo. next –

	Salem's Quota	53% is	360.40	
S. M. Stock	Amesbury	" 20 " "	136.00	
	Weare	" 20 " "	136.00	
	Boston	" 7 " "	47.60	$680.00

The following minute from our last Yearly Meeting has also been received viz –

To Salem Quarterly Meeting.
At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Portland Me – in the Sixth Month 1885
Upon the request of two of our Quarterly Meetings this Meeting has defined more clearly the discipline in reference to the membership of our Meetings on

Ministry and Oversight, as will be found on printed slips furnished your clerk, which are to be inserted in your Books of Discipline, under the head of Meetings on Ministry & Oversight-

A minute of advice has also been printed and placed in the hands of the clerks of our Quarterly Meetings to be distributed among their subordinate meetings-

Our Monthly meetings are requested as heretofore to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to carry on the Mission work on Mt. Lebanon Syria-

In the report of the Committee on Western Indians was the request that "The Treasury of the committee be replenished by efforts to be made in all our Monthly Meetings"- Which was approved by the meeting and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to take such action in relation to the above requests, as shall secure the desired results-

On behalf of the meeting
Wm O. Newhall Clerk-

The recommendations contained in the foregoing minute, together with the accompanying documents the Clerk is directed to send down to our Monthly Meetings.

The Clerk also informs that he has received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, our quota of the printed minutes of last Yearly meeting- also several copies of the Boarding school Report, which have been sent down to our Monthly Meetings.

Further the clerk informs that he has received from the Representative meeting 465 copies of the London General Epistle for 1885, which he is hereby directed to forward to our Monthly Meetings The reading of this epistle is deferred to our next Quarterly Mtg

AT the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Portland, Maine, in the Sixth Month, 1885, the following Minute was directed to our Subordinate Meetings:

"The Meeting was brought under an earnest concern that the Spirituality of the Gospel and its advocacy by Ministers and others, shall be maintained inviolate. We desire to protect our membership from all influences which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our Religious Society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the Spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom, and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ. This Meeting records its judgment for the guidance of its Subordinate Meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends, within our limits."

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting.

WM. O. NEWHALL, } *Clerks.*
ANNA G. WOOD, }

The following amendments to the Discipline should be inserted under the head of Meetings on Ministry and Oversight. In the fifteenth line, after the words "two years" add "And their term of service shall expire by limitation in two years unless they are reappointed," so the paragraph shall read, "The names of these are to be brought forward as in the case of the appointment of Elders, and the list shall be revised at least once in two years, and their term of service shall expire by limitation in two years unless they are reappointed."

Also insert the words following: — "Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, except Ministers and Elders, cease to be members of that Meeting upon their removal from the Quarterly Meeting in which they were appointed." 1885.

The following returning minute for our friends Thomas and Mary S. Kimber, has been read and approved by this and the womens meeting & the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf - also a similar one for Addison Waite - viz - "Our beloved friends Thomas and Mary S. Kimber attended this meeting. Their company and gospel service have been acceptable -

The clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf a returning minute prepared by the womens meeting for our friend Ann Lange -

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Weare at the established time in the Tenth month next -

Signed on behalf of the meeting -
John Ellwood Paige Clerk -

Tenth Month 1885 -

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10 Mo. 15 1885.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are as follows viz

For Salem Owen Dame Wm O. Newhall
Joshua Buxton Alfred Manning
Joseph Haines -
For Amesbury Francis Peasley Thomas Folsom
Moses A. Nichols
For Weare Geo. H. Jones Nathan Sawyer
Lindley H. Osborne Wm T. Morse
For Boston Gilbert C. Hoag, Hezekiah Binns -

Those names being called they were present except one from Salem Monthly Meeting & one from Amesbury and two from Boston - A reason was given for the absence of the representative from Amesbury Monthly Meeting

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings -

Pittsfield Prep Mtg - Established

Amesbury Monthly Meeting informs that Pittsfield meeting has been established as a united Preparative Meeting of men and women Friends - Meetings on First day to be held at 10½ A.M., and on Fifth day at 7 P.M. The clerk is directed to forward the information

Report of Com. to visit small Meetings

The Committee appointed in 10 Mo last to visit some of our smaller meetings, presented the following report viz -

Report - of committee on Gospel work in some of our smaller meetings -

In Third Month E. T. Larkin went to Pittsfield, held and attended thirty meetings - and made nineteen calls on families. The meetings were in different localities most of them were quite fully attended, and much interest was shown. In 9 Mo. Asa C. and Emmeline Tuttle spent about a week in Pittsfield, held seven meetings made twelve calls, on families. Two professed to enter into a deeper spiritual experience and Asa & Emmeline Tuttle thought that five or six were looking forward to requesting membership in the society.

Annie M. Kay also spent a week in Pittsfield shortly after A. & E. M. Tuttle left, - made some calls and attended the meetings. No definite report of her work has been received -

The meeting at Pittsfield has so long been considered simply as a Union meeting, that oversight and fostering care will continue to be needed until this transition period is safely passed. There are good workers there, and there seems no good reason why new members should not be added - as the meeting becomes established

so that those who contemplate such a step shall see that there is something to gather to—
We would suggest that if it seem best to the meeting to continue a committee to have the oversight of work there, it should be a new appointment, and not a reappointment of the old committee.

Chas W. Thorndike for the committee

The report is encouraging and is accepted—
We appoint on behalf of this meeting the following named Friends for a similar service the ensuing year— Wm O. Newhall, Chas W. Thorndike
Stephen Sweatt, John T. Chase— Albert C.
Neill—
(Women's Committee) Elizth W. Valentine Lavina G. Huntington
Elizth T. Larkin Amanda M. Brown—

The London General Epistle for 1885 has been read in this meeting. This epistle has already been distributed extensively thro the Quarterly Meeting. Yet we believe that its appropriate counsel, sound advice and clear teaching, afresh brot to our attention has been an incentive to faithfulness and diligence in the work of the Lord.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Salem, at the established time in First Month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige Clerk

First Month 1886 —

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem
First mo 21 1886 —

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings their rep-resentatives are —

For Salem Peter M. Neal, Wm O. Newhall
Clement R. Hanson John H. Crosman
Joshua Buffum —
For Amesbury Joel H Davis Robert L. Brown
Charles E. Peasley
For Weare Dennis R. Chase, Franklin T. Huntington
Samuel O. Nichols
For Boston Thomas Wood Olney T. Meader
Stephen Sweatt —

Who are present except two from Amesbury Monthly Meeting, and one from Weare Mo. Meeting —

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from the Monthly Meetings of Salem, Weare, and Boston. We are informed that answers were prepared by Amesbury Monthly Meeting — but from some mischance they have failed to reach us —

C.E. Talbot present

Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbot, a Minister with a minute of unity from Short Creek Monthly Meeting endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting Ohio is in attendance of this meeting. Her company and gospel service have been acceptable to us —

C.H. & H.E. Jones visit N.C.

A minute prepared by Weare Monthly Meeting liberating our friends Charles H. and Huldah E. Jones to attend the sittings of North Carolina Yearly Meeting & New York Yearly Meeting, also to visit some meetings in North Carolina Yearly Meeting and to attend to such other service as they may feel required of them on the way, — has been read. After carefully con-sidering the matter, the meeting unites with their prospect and desires their encouragement. The women meeting concurring. The clerk is directed to place our endorsement upon the minute issued by Weare Mo. Mtg

Boston Monthly Meeting informs that it is united in appointing James Hyde to the Station of Elder-

James Hyde appted - Elder

After consideration this Meeting unites with Boston monthly meeting and confirms the appointment The clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

The Treasurer of this meeting is hereby directed to pay our quota of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treas- of the Yearly Meeting viz $680.00

R.R. Com.

We appoint David N. Colway and Daniel C. Maifield to make the necessary arrangements with the railroads in regard to reduction in fares to Friends attending our Quarterly Meetings to serve one year-

A returning minute prepared by the womens meeting on behalf of our friend Caroline E. Talbot has been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting-

We have been reminded at this time of the want in some instances of proper attention and courtesy to strangers and others in attendance of our meetings. And our Monthly Meetings are encouraged to give the matter their careful attention, and to provide means for the proper welcome and accommodation of attenders of all our meetings. The clerk is directed to furnish each of our Monthly Meetings with a copy of the foregoing minute-

The business being closed we conclude- proposing to meet in Amesbury at the established time in Fifth month next-

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige
Clerk

Fifth Month 1886

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 27th of 5 mo. 1886

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are

For Salem Peter M. Neal, Alfred Manning
Wm O. Newhall, Henry V. Buxton
Owen Dame Eli Jepson
For Amesbury Thomas Folsom Joseph Cartland
Joel H. Davis Wm F. Vining
Daniel C. Maxfield
For Weare Lindley H. Osborne Geo. H. Jones
Chas. H. Thorndike Dana E. Huntington
Dennis R. Chase
For Boston Wm Jacob Thomas Wood
David N. Holway -

Who are present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

Our beloved friend Elwood Scott - a Minister with a minute of unity from Carthage Monthly Meeting Ind. endorsed by Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meeting - attended this meeting - His company and gospel service have been acceptable.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings - from which summary answers have been prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the Sixth Month next. We appoint Representatives thereto as follows viz - Owen Dame, Moses Huntington Wm O. Newhall, Daniel C. Maxfield Thomas Wood, Olney T. Meader Joshua Buxton - Chas. H. Thorndike Peter M. Neal -

The following returning Minute for Elwood Scott has been read and approved, & the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf - Women friends concurring viz

"Our beloved friend Elwood Scott, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting —

This meeting unites with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Wood to the station of Elder —

"We do also unite with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lizzie W Swan, Mary B Swan, Gulielma E. Wood, Susan H. Meader, Louisa P. Hoag Hezekiah Binns & Zillah Binns as members of the meeting on Ministry & Oversight The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information in both the foregoing cases —

Our Monthly Meetings have forwarded Statistics of their membership, computed to the first of Third Mo last. A Summary of which is as follows — The Clerk is directed to forward it to the Yearly Meeting

Number Reported last Year	683
Error in last years report - loss	1
Births	3
Deaths	21
Moved in	9
Moved out	10
Admitted	9
Released	3
Loss	14
Present number	669

All our Monthly Meetings report that they have instructed their Treasurers to pay their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this meeting —

The clerk informs that he has received from the Representative Meeting a large number of copies of a pamphlet issued by that meeting on the subject of Oaths — which have been sent down to our Monthly Meetings —

J. G. Fisher present

Our beloved friend Jane G. Fisher a Minister with a minute of unity from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, attended this meeting. Her company and services have been acceptable.

E. J. Gatchell present

Our beloved friend Emma J. Gatchell, with a minute from Durham Monthly Meeting Maine, liberating her to accompany Jane G. Fisher acceptably attended this meeting.

Meeting established at Lawrence

Boston Mo Meeting informs that it has granted a request for the establishment of a meeting for worship at Lawrence to be held on First days at 10.30 A.M. & on Fourth days at 7.30 P.M. and a Preparative meeting to be held on Seventh following the first midweek meeting in each month at 4 P.M.

An abstract for a report to the Yearly Meeting has been read & approved & the clerk is directed to sign & forward it.

The business being closed we conclude, proposing to meet in Lynn at the established time in 8 Mo next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige Clerk—

Answers 8 Mo 1886

I All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, with two omissions
Midweek meetings and meetings for discipline continue to be small. One Monthly Meeting reports an increased attendance of midweek meetings
The hour is nearly observed. Unbecoming behavior is mostly avoided

II Love & Unity are in a good measure maintained
Detraction mostly guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences —

III Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life & conversation. More care on the part of some in training their children is needed

IV We think most Friends are in the practice of reading the scriptures in their families daily; and that they encourage their children and others under their care in the same duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is not fully maintained.

V Nine (9) of our members are reported as using intoxicating liquors as a beverage.
With few exceptions Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character -
Moderation is generally observed

VI The Requirements of this query have been attended to

VII Except in one instance our testimony in regard to military matters is maintained. One monthly meeting not quite clear in regard to defrauding the public revenue - All our monthly Meetings report exceptions in regard to judicial oaths

VIII With some exceptions Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts. Some laxity in the matter of promised debts. Most Friends are careful to live within their Income -

IX Our records are attended to. Some removals without certificates -

X We believe the discipline is administered in Christian tenderness & impartially, but not always promptly —

Eighth Month 1886

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 19th of 8 mo. 1886

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are

For Salem Wm O. Newhall, Peter M. Neal
Alfred Manning John H. Crosman
Henry V. Button, Clement R. Hanson
For Amesbury Joseph Cartland Moses O. Nichols
Daniel E. Maffrid
For Weare John Paige Franklin T. Huntington
Samuel O. Nichols
For Boston Stephen Sweatt Olney T. Meader
Who are present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed William O. Newhall on behalf of the Representatives proposed, John Edward Paige for Clerk and Daniel E. Maffrid for assistant Clerk — Which nominations being severally considered were approved, and they accordingly appointed to those positions respectively for the ensuing year — Clerks

Treasurer The Representatives also propose Charles F. Coffin for Treasurer the ensuing year, which being acceptable to this and the womens meeting he is appointed accordingly —

W L Pearson Minister William L. Pearson, a minister with a minute of unity from Nahunta Monthly Meeting of Friends endorsed by Contentnea Quarterly Meeting N.C. — acceptably attended this meeting —

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from our Monthly Meetings —

W C Newhall
to attend
meetings &c

Our beloved friend William C. Newhall laid before this meeting a prospect which he has, of attending the approaching Yearly Meetings of Indiana, Western Iowa, and should way open, of Kansas Yearly Meeting, also to perform such service as may be presented, in the course of the above visit, as set forth in a minute granted him by Salem Monthly Meeting. After careful deliberation, his prospect was fully united with by this and the Womens meetings, and the clerks were directed to place the endorsement of the Quarterly Meeting upon the above mentioned minute.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report that they all attended —

The following minute of our last Yearly Meeting has been received viz —

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport R. I. Sixth Mo 1886
It was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting the ensuing year the sum of Four thousand dollars ($4000.) Which sum our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay in their respective proportions to Geo. Howland Jr. our Treasurer on or before the first of Fifth mo next. Salem Quarterly Meetings quota at 17% is $680.00

Our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds, to carry on the work of Foreign missions the ensuing year — also for the use of the Yearly Meetings committee on Western Indians. They are also requested to report the number of children of school age — as suggested in the report of the Yearly Meetings Committee on Education —
Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint

committees to cooperate with the Yearly Meetings Committee on Education, in opening the way for Educational conferences - See printed minutes No 44

Wm O. Newhall Clerk —

Our several Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to pay to Charles F. Coffin our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum called for viz $680. on or before the first of Fifth Month next — and our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay said sum to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting —

Salem Mo. Mtgs	quota		53%	360.40
Amesbury	"	"	"	20%	136.00
Weare	"	"	"	20%	136.00
Boston	"	"	"	7	47.60
					680.00

In accordance with instructions contained in the foregoing minute our Monthly Meetings are directed to appoint committees to assist in raising funds for carrying on the work of Foreign Missions under the care of the Yearly Meeting, and for the use of the Committee on Western Indians —
They are also directed to incorporate into their next statistical returns the number of children of school age - as recommended in minute No 44 of last Yearly Meeting —

Com on Education We appoint Joseph Cartland, Lindley H. Farr, Owen Dame, Geo. A. Barton, Chas. H. Thorndike to cooperate with the Yearly Meetings committee on education, as recommended in minute 44 of the Yearly Meeting —

Boston Monthly Meeting informs that the hour of holding Lawrence Preparative Meeting has been changed from 4 o'clock to 2 P.M.

The Clerk informs that he has received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting 450 copies of the London General Epistle for 1886. It is directed that they be sent down to our Subordinate meetings The reading of said epistle is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting =

Returning minutes prepared by the womens meeting on behalf of Jane G. Fisher and her companion Emma J. Gatchell respectively who were in attendance of our Quarterly meeting in Fifth month last, have been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

A returning minute for William L. Pearson has been read and approved, and women friends concurring, the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf—

The business being closed at this time we conclude proposing to meet in Weare at the usual time in the 10 mo next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting—
John Ellwood Paige Clerk—

Tenth Month 1886

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10 mo 21 1886

Accounts have been received from our several Monthly Meetings by which it appears the following named Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting viz—

For Salem Owen Dame, Joshua Buffum
J. Ellwood Paige, Alfred Manning
For Amesbury Thomas Folsom, Joseph Cartland
Charles E. Peaslee

For Weare Nathan C. Dow John Paige
Geo. H. Jones Charles H. Thorndike
Dennis R. Chase
For Boston Olney T. Meader
Who are present except Joseph Cartland and
Alfred Manning. A sufficient reason was
given for the absence of the former.

The Queries have been read in this meeting
with answers to the First Second and Tenth
from our Monthly Meeting -

Our beloved friend William O. Newhall
at this time returned the minute granted him
by Salem Monthly Meeting, which this meeting
endorsed in 8 Mo last, with information that he
had attended the Yearly Meetings of Indiana, Western
and Iowa, also several meetings and families on
the way: Which service he had been enabled to
accomplish satisfactorily. He presented returning
minutes from the three above mentioned Yearly
Meetings, which have been read -

The London General Epistle for 1886 has at this
time been read, and we have listened, to its
practical and sound teaching with much satisfaction.
The various subjects treated of in this document
are susceptible of greater thought and study, than can
be given them in a single public reading, and we
earnestly desire that all our members may carefully
read, study & circulate it.

The Clerk informs that he has received from the
Representative Meeting about 550 copies of a document
issued by that meeting entitled "War an unnecessary
evil - forbidden by Scripture" which have been forwarded
to our Monthly Meeting -

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Salem at the established time in First Month next—

Signed on behalf of the meeting
S. E. Paige Clerk

First Month 1887

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 1 Mo 20 1887.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this meeting are

For Salem John H. Grosman Clement R. Hanson
Newell Hill Joshua Buffum
Ezra B. Johnson—
For Amesbury Geo. F. Reede, Moses Huntington
Chas. E. Peaslee
For Weare Franklin T. Huntington
Dennis R. Chase
For Boston Thomas Wood Hiram V. Gould
Hezekiah Binns

Who are present except three, for one of whom Dennis R. Chase—a sufficient reason was given.

E. G. Pearson [illegible] We have in attendance at this time as ministers our beloved friends Ezra G. Pearson with a minute of unity from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting Indiana—

T. B. Nichols. [illegible] Thomas B. Nichols with a minute of unity from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting Maine and Charles W. Goddard with a minute of unity from Durham Mo. Meeting Maine. Their company & service have been acceptable to us—

Our friends Charles H. Jones & Huldah E. Jones returned at this time the minute granted them by Weare Monthly Meeting 1 Mo 7 1886, endorsed by this Meeting, with information that they had attended New York Yearly Meeting, Thirty five meetings in North Carolina, and nearly one half as many in New York. During this visit they acknowledged the faithfulness of their Divine Master in enabling them to perform the service, with peace and joy to their own minds. They presented returning minutes from New York Yearly Meeting New Garden & Deep River Quarterly Meetings and Cane Creek Monthly Meeting North Carolina-

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings-

This meeting unites with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of the following named Friends as members of the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight viz-

Members of Mtg. on M & O

Alfred Manning   Peter M. Neal
Lydia P. Chase   Mary E. Newhall
Lydia C. Neal   Clement R. Hanson
Deborah W. Crosman   Tacie P. Hawkes Jr.-
Chas H. Atkins   Jane Nichols-

The womens meeting concurring-

Copies of a minute of advice issued by the Representative Meeting held in Boston in 10 mo last have been received by the Clerk of this meeting and sent down to our subordinate meetings. A copy of this minute has been read in this meeting - and is as follows-

"The Representative Meeting of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, recommends that our members maintain true & faithful loyalty to the said Yearly Meeting and its injunctions, more especially in the matter contained in Minute No 56 of the minutes of 1885 which is as follows viz 'We desire to protect our membership from all influences, which are not in accordance with the clear testimony of our religious society and the teaching of the New Testament. We believe in the spiritual nature of Christ's Kingdom, and that all outward ceremonies have been fulfilled and ended in Christ. This Meeting records its judgment for the guidance of subordinate meetings, that those holding or teaching a contrary doctrine, cannot be received as acceptable Ministers of the Society of Friends within our limits"-

And the Representative Meeting authorizes and directs that Subordinate Meetings in said Yearly Meeting shall not receive the Certificates no issue Returning minutes for Ministers or others in cases in which any doubt exists as to the unity of such persons with said Yearly Meeting or its instructions. And it further authorizes and instructs, the clerks and correspondents, of such subordinate meetings, to withhold their signatures from such minutes if issued or attempted to be issued. The meeting was brought under an earnest concern for the welfare of the church in the present emergency. It was the desire of the meeting to uphold all that is good, while it testifies clearly against anything that would compromise either the doctrine or established position of the Society of Friends in regard to the so-called outward ordinances or other fundamental principles.

We therefore appoint Benj. F. Knowles Richard Battey, Owen Dame, Hannah J. Bailey Ellen K. Buffum Timothy B. Hussey Geo. Howland Jr. Susan T. Thompson Anna G. Weir Lydia C. Neal, and Reuben T. Jones a committee to extend christian care over the subordinate Meetings of our Yearly Meeting and to advise and assist in preventing such Minister or others not in unity as above mentioned, from being received or endorsed by Friends or Subordinate Meetings, contrary to the concern of this meeting and the intent of the preceding minute -

Timothy B. Hussey Clerk

No. Berwick Me 10 mo 20 1886

The following returning minute for our Friend Ezra G. Pearson, has been read & approved, and similar ones are to be furnished, Thomas B. Nichols & Chas. W. Goddard & the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf - womens mtg. concurring viz - "Our beloved Friend Ezra G. Pearson, attended this meeting. His company and service have been acceptable"

Daniel C. Maxfield and David N. Holway are appointed to make the necessary arrangements with the Railroad Companies the ensuing year in regard to reduction of fares at the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings -

Oren Dame, Peter McNeal, Joseph Cartland Albert C. Hill, Chas. H. Thorndike, Franklin T. Huntington Olney T. Meader & Thomas Ward, are appointed a committee to consider the subject of changing the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting in the First Month to a less inclement season of the year, and report to our next meeting -

The business being closed we conclude, proposing to meet in Amesbury at the usual time in Fifth Mo. next -

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Daniel C. Maxfield asst. Clerk

Fifth Month 1887—

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 5 mo 26 1887—

The clerk being absent Daniel C. Mayfield is appointed clerk & Geo. C. Herbert asst. clerk for the day—

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are

For Salem Peter M. Neal Clement R. Hanson
Gustavus Austin Joshua Buxton.
For Amesbury Moses C. Nichols Daniel C. Mayfield
Joseph Cartland—
For Weare John Paige Franklin T. Huntington
Lindley H. Osborne
For Boston Stephen Sweatt, Thomas Wood
Who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings from which summary answers have been prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held in Portland Maine in the Sixth month next. We appoint Representatives thereto as follows viz—

Daniel C. Mayfield Owen Dame
Thomas Wood Clement R. Hanson
Wm O. Newhall Joseph Cartland
Peter M. Neal Chas. M. Thorndike
Albert C. Hill Olney T. Meader
Geo. L. Crosman—

Our Monthly Meetings have forwarded statistics of membership compiled to first of 3rd mo last, also the information required in regard to scholars between the ages of 4 and 21. A summary of which is as follows, & the Clerk is directed to forward it to the Yearly Meeting – (See below)

* This meeting unites in the appointment as members of the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight the following named Friends

From Salem Monthly Meeting Martha C. Jepson
" Amesbury Moses O. Nichols
Rebecca P. Bird Sophia Davis
Amanda M. Brown Francis Peaslee
Mary Peaslee Sarah D. Brown
From Weare Chas H. Thorndike Hannah E. Chase
Geo H. Jones Ellen C. Jones
Dennis R. Chase Mary A. Chase
Gulielma M. Thorndike

Also with Amesbury Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public ministry of Charles E. Peaslee. The Womens meeting concurring, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information.

* Number reported last year	669
Error in last years report – gain	1
Number of births	4
" " deaths	15
Moved in	2
" out	7
Admitted	22
Released	5
Gain	2
Present number	671

No. of Children 4 to 21	97
" " " 12 to 21	[illegible]
" " " attending School	53
" " " " controlled or taught by Friends	12

By request from Salem Monthly Meeting the time of holding all their Monthly Meetings is fixed at 2½ P.M. The womens meeting concurring

The committee appointed in the **First** month last to consider the subject of changing the time of holding our meeting in that month made a verbal report that they do not think any change desirable - which was approved and the committee released -

All our **Monthly Meetings** report that they have paid, or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this meeting, their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting Stock.

An abstract of a report to the Yearly Meeting has been read and approved & the clerk directed to sign & forward it.

The business being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet at Lynn at the usual time in Eighth Month -

Signed on behalf of the meeting
Daniel C. Maxfield clerk for the day.

Answers - 1887 -

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except four. First day meetings are generally well attended Mid week meetings continue to be neglected by many of our members. The hour is nearly observed. Very little unbecoming behavior.

2nd With little exception love and unity are well maintained; detraction nearly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences -

3d We believe most of our members are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. Greater care on the part of some of those entrusted with the bringing up of children is desirable -

4th We think nearly all our members are in the frequent practice of reading the Holy Scriptures individually, and collectively in their families and encourage their children in the same religious duty. Nearly all our members faithfully maintain our testimony to a free gospel ministry.

5th One Monthly Meeting reports two cases of the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage, one nearly clear, the others clear as far as known. Not altogether clear in the other parts of this query

6th The circumstances of the poor, are properly attended to -

7th Our testimony in regard to military matters is maintained with little exception. Not quite clear in regard to oaths & public revenue -

8th With few exceptions the requirements of this query are complied with -

9th Careful as to records - Some removals without certificates.

10th The Discipline has been administered, and we think in Christian tenderness. Not always with desirable promptness -

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 18th of Eighth Month 1887

By account from our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this meeting are

For Salem Geo. C. Herbert Owen Dame
Gustavus Austin Henry V. Buxton
Wm. O. Newhall Clement R. Hanson
For Amesbury Albert O. Hill Daniel C. Maffield
Moses Huntington
For Weare John Paige Geo. H. Jones
For Boston Olney T. Meader Stephen Sweatt
Hiram V. Gould

Who are present with the exception of Geo. H. Jones, Stephen Sweatt, Hiram V. Gould. A sufficient reason was given for the absence of the former two —

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives proposed John Ellwood Paige for Clerk, and Daniel C. Maffield for assistant Clerk which nominations being severally considered were approved, and they appointed to those positions for the ensuing year — Clerks

The Representatives also propose Charles F. Coffin for Treasurer, which is approved and in concurrence with women friends he is appointed to that service — Treasurer

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second, and Tenth from our Monthly Meetings

Our beloved friend William P. Pinkham, a Minister with a minute of unity from Spiceland Monthly Meeting of Friends, Indiana, acceptably attended this meeting — Wm. P. Pinkham present

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report that they all attended —

The following minute of our last Yearly Meeting has been received viz —

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Portland, Maine in Sixth month 1887

To Salem Quarterly Meeting —

Our several Monthly Meetings are hereby requested to appoint committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds for the use of the committee on Foreign Missions, also for the use of the Indian Committee, and direct that the same be placed in the hands of those committees respectively -

The clause in the First Query, in relation to "Unbecoming behavior", is directed to be stricken out of said query —

The four following questions are hereafter to be answered, annually to this meeting, viz —

First How many children between the ages of 4 and 21 ?
Second " " " " " " " 12 " 21 ?
Third " " " are attending school - ?
Fourth " " " " " " taught by or under the control of Friends ?

This meeting directs that our several Quarterly Meetings forward in their accounts to this meeting next year, the time, place and hour of holding their Quarterly Meeting, also of all its subordinate meetings, with a view of having the same printed with the minutes of the Yearly meeting, and if any changes occur thereafter, that said changes be reported annually to this meeting, that a correct calendar may be kept —

It was concluded to raise Four Thousand dollars ($4000.) for the use of the meeting the ensuing year; Our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to forward their respective proportions to Geo. Howland Jr Treasurer on or before the first of the fifth Mo. next -

The quota of Salem Mo. Meeting 17% is 680.00

By direction of the meeting aforesaid
William O. Newhall Clerk

Our monthly Meetings are directed to pay to the Treasurer of this meeting, their respective proportions of the sum called for viz $680.00 previous to the first of Fifth Month next—

Salem	Monthly	Meetings	quota	@	53%	360.40
Amesbury	"	"	"	"	20 "	136.00
Weare	"	"	"	"	20 "	136.00
Boston	"	"	"	"	7 "	47.60
						680.00

Our Monthly Meetings are also directed to comply with the various other requests contained in the foregoing minute—

The Clerk informs that he has received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, the usual number of copies of the printed minutes of last Yearly Meeting, also of the London General Epistle, which have been sent down to our Monthly Meetings

The above mentioned epistle, has been read in this meeting, and we have listened to it with great interest and satisfaction, and we commend it to the careful perusal of our members

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Weare, at the usual time in 10 mo. next. Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige Clerk

Tenth Month 1887—

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Weare 10 Mo. 20 1887—

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are

For Salem Wm C. Newhall Clement R. Hanson
Owen Dame Joshua Buxton
For Amesbury Moses O. Nichols Thomas Folsom—
For Weare David Gove Paul Hussey
Dana E. Huntington
For Boston Stephen Sweatt Thomas Wood—

Who are present except Thomas Folsom Moses O. Nichols & Thomas Wood—
For the absence of the latter two sufficient reasons were given—

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First Second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings

The subject of the work of a committee now under appointment, for service in our smaller meetings claiming our attention, it is concluded to continue the committee, with instructions to present a report to our next Quarterly Meeting— women friends concurring herein—

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Salem at the usual time in the First Month next—

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige Clerk—

First Month 188[illegible]

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem Mass First Mo 19 188[illegible]

By account from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are
For Salem Owen Dame, Charles H. Atkins
Joshua Buffum Stephen E. Rogers
John H. Crosman -
For Amesbury Daniel E. Mayfield, Moses C. Nichols
Albert C. Hill -
For Weare Charles H. Thorndike Dana E. Huntington, Nathan P. Buxton
For Boston Thomas Wood Olney T. Meader
Hezekiah Binns -
Who are present with the exception of C. H. Atkins

J. W. Willmore present

Our beloved Friend Jesse W. Willmore, a Minister with a minute of unity from Barclay Monthly Meeting of Friends, endorsed by Cottonwood Quarterly Meeting - Kansas, acceptably attended this meeting -

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our Monthly Meetings -

The Committee continued from our last Quarterly Meeting in relation to our smaller meetings being prevented by circumstances from presenting a report at this time, is continued and desired to report at our next meeting - Women Friends concurring -

The Clerk informs that he has received several copies of a Declaration of Christian Doctrine, issued by the recent Conference of Friends Yearly Meetings at Richmond Ind also of minutes of said Conference - which are sent to our Monthly Meetings -

Daniel C. Hatfield and David N. Holway are continued a committee to make arrangements with the railroad for reduction of fares to Friends attending our Quarterly Meetings -

A returning minute for our Friend Jesse W. Willmore, has been read and approved - Women Friends concurring - The Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf -

The business being closed we conclude, proposing to meet in Amesbury in Fifth Mo. next -

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige, Clerk

Fifth Month 1888

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 24th of 5th Month 1888 -

Accounts have been received from our several Monthly Meetings - Their representatives to this meeting are as follows viz -

For Salem Owen Dame, Alfred Manning
Clement R. Pearson, Wm. O. Newhall
Stephen R. Rogers Joseph G. Brown
For Amesbury Moses Huntington [illegible] Trescott
Albert C. Hill
For Weare Lindley H. Osborne, Franklin T. Huntington
Chas. H. Thorndike Daniel C. Nichols
Dennis R. Chase -
For Boston Stephen Trescott, Olney T. Meader
Thomas Ward -

Who are present except Thomas Ward, for whose absence a sufficient reason was given

We have in attendance of this meeting our

riends Rufus P. King from Springfield Mo. Meeting North Carolina, Nathan Douglas & Charles W. Goddard from Durham Monthly Meeting.
Satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings have been read. Their company and gospel service have been acceptable-

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings from which ~~[illegible]~~ answers have been prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held in Newport R.I. in Sixth Mo. next.

We appoint Representatives thereto as follows Daniel C. Hatfield Owen Dame, William O. Newhall, Henry V. Buxton, Charles H Thorndik Olney T. Meader John F. Chase Stephen R. Rogers, Moses Huntington, Saml. O. Nichols

Our several Monthly Meetings have forwarded statistics of membership complete to the first of Third Mo. last which the clerk is directed to summarize & forward to the Yearly Meeting viz - Number reported last year 672

Births		3
Moved in		9
Admitted		13
		697
Error last year cor	12	
Deaths	12	
Moved out	14	38
		659
Net loss -		13
		672

They have also with one exception prepared the other information called for by the Yearly Meeting.

The committee continued from our last Quarterly meeting in relation to our smaller meetings being prevented from reporting at this time is continued

This meeting unites with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hezekiah Bruin & Gillett Brown to the station of Elder also unites with the same Monthly Meeting in the revision of their list of members of the meeting on Ministry & Oversight, as follows - Mary B. Swan Lizzie W. Swan, Susan H. Meader Gulielma C. Ward, Louisa P. Berry, Wm Henry Pitts, William Ward, Asenath Ward, and Mary W. Goddard - In all of which women friends concur -

Amesbury Monthly Meeting proposes the following changes in the time of holding its meetings.

Fourth Mo - at Amesbury instead of W. Newbury
Sixth " " W. Newbury " " Seabrook
[illegible] " Pittsfield " " W. Newbury
Eleventh " " Amesbury " " Seabrook.

Which is approved by this and the women's meeting -

The following returning minute for our friend Rufus P. King has been read & approved & the clerk is directed to sign it, & similar one for Nathan Douglass & Chas. W. Goddard, women friends concurring - viz - "To Springfield Monthly meeting of Friends, N. C. Rufus P. King acceptably attended this meeting."

We are united in requesting the Yearly meeting to define the discipline in regard to the appointment of clerks of united meetings and meetings held in joint session - women friends concurring -

An abstract for a report to the Yearly Meeting has been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf -

The business being closed we conclude - proposing to meet in Lynn at the usual time in Eighth Mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting -
John Ellwood Paige Clerk

Answers - 1888 -

1st All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held, except 10 omissions in few small meetings on account of inclement weather and bad roads. First-day meetings are attended by a large part of our members. Mid-week meetings with one exception, (which is "well attended) continue to be small. The hour is nearly observed.

2 Love and unity with little exception are well maintained. Detraction is mostly guarded against. Careful to end differences

3 Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation. More care is needed in some instances in the training of children

4 We think Friends are generally in the practice of reading the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively, encouraging their children therein. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is not fully maintained.

5 Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in two monthly meetings, and nearly clear in one, and one exception in the other. Not quite clear in the other parts

of the query -

6 The circumstances of the poor are attended to.

7 Not quite clear in regard to Military matters and oaths. Some care has been taken. We are not aware of any case of defrauding the public revenue.

8 We think Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts with few exceptions. Some deficiency in meeting promises and paying debts, in which some care has been taken. Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, with little exception.

9 Careful as to records. Not quite clear with regard to certificates.

10 We endeavor to administer the discipline as queried after, but are conscious of a want of promptness in some cases -

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Eighth Month 1888

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 8 Mo. 16 1888 -

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this meeting are

From Salem Lebeus Hill Peter M. Neal
Clement R. Hanson Wm O. Newhall
Parker Newhall Alvin Hoag -
From Amesbury Albert C. Hill Daniel C. Winfield
Moses E. Nichols -
From Weare John Paige, Geo. M. Jones
Lindley M. Osborne Dana E. Huntington
From Boston Stephen Sweatt Thomas Wood

Hiram V. Gould, who are all present

The time having expired, for which the clerks were appointed the Representatives propose John Ellmore Paige for Clerk, and Daniel C. Hatfield for assistant clerk; which nominations are satisfactory to the meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to those positions respectively, for the ensuing year.
The Representatives also propose Charles F. Coffin for Treasurer, which is approved, women Friends concurring and he is accordingly appointed for the year ensuing—

We have in attendance of this meeting, our
R.H Thomas Friends Richard H. Thomas from Baltimore
John Carey Monthly Meeting, John Carey from Back Creek
John B. Cartland Mo. Meeting Ind. John B. Cartland from Sandwich
Eri Sharpless present— Mo Meeting, N. H. and Eri Sharpless from Iowa
Yearly Meeting. Satisfactory testimonials from
their respective meetings have been read.
Their company & service have been acceptable.

Our friend Allen C. Thomas with a minute
A. C. Thomas present— of unity from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, liberating
him to accompany his brother Richard H. Thomas
is acceptably in attendance of this meeting—

Our Friends Peace Jones from China Monthly
Peace Jones Meeting & Charlotte L. Holmes from Providence
C. L. Holmes present Monthly Meeting, with satisfactory credentials
from their respective meetings are acceptably in
attendance of this Quarterly Meeting—

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First Second and Tenth from our Monthly Meetings—

Report of Com. to visit smaller meetings

The Committee appointed some years since to labor in some of our smaller meetings presented the following report viz —

To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be held at Lynn 8 mo. 16th 1888.

The Committee appointed in the Tenth Month 1855 to visit small Meetings, and extend to them such counsel and encouragement as way may open, report that since our appointment, one member of the Committee has visited all the Meetings within the Quarterly Meeting, and several of them quite a number of times, besides making a large number of family visits; One other member has visited several of our meetings, and made quite a number of family calls. Other members of the Committee have not been unmindful of their appointment, but from various causes have been unable to perform much service beyond the limits of their own meetings. There are according to the last account sent to the Yearly Meeting 659 members, and 10 ministers belonging to the Quarterly Meeting, with 10 particular, 10 Preparative, and 4 Monthly Meetings. There are 4 meetings in which there are no resident ministers. Several of our meetings are quite small, and the few members composing them are very grateful, when any of their friends feel like visiting them, and while we would recommend the discontinuance of the Committee now under appointment, we earnestly desire that the service so eminently needed to be rendered to our small meetings, may still be borne prayerfully upon the minds of Friends, and labor bestowed, whenever opportunity occurs, feeling assured that the Lords blessing will abundantly rest upon whatever [illegible] is put forth in His name & under His guidance.

Wm O. Newhall
E. T. Larkin
For the Committee

Lynn 8 mo 13 1888

The report is satisfactory. We appoint Wm O. Newhall Thomas Wood, Albert C. Neill, John F. Chase John Paige to present to our next Quarterly Meeting the names of Friends to constitute a similar Committee
(Womens Com. Ellen M. Osborn, Anna B. Gould, Deborah W. Crosman, Lydia C. Neal, Lucy J. Osborn)

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended except one, for whose non attendance excuse was given.

The following minutes from our Yearly Meeting have been read viz—

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport R. I. Sixth Month 1888.

To Salem Quarterly Meeting

It was concluded to raise for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year the sum of $4000.
George Howland Jr. was reappointed Treasurer
Our several Quarterly Meetings were directed to
Y. M. Stock pay their respective proportions of said sum to our Treasurer, on or before the first of Fifth month next. Salem Quarterly Meetings quota 17% $680.00

All our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to aid the following Committees in carrying on their work—viz
The Committee on Gospel Work
" " " Foreign Mission
" " " Western Indians,
and place the same in the hands of the Treasurers of those meetings respectively.

The request from your Meeting respecting the
Change of appointment and functions of Clerks of United
Discipline meetings, having claimed our attention, resulted in a change of the Discipline, as found in the printed minutes of this year, page 72, minute 60

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
aforesaid William O. Newhall Clerk

Our Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of the sum called for - viz 680.00 to the Treasurer of this meeting on or before the first of 5 Mo. next.

Salem	Mo. Meetings	proportion	@	53% is	360.40
Amesbury	"	"	"	20% "	136.00
Weare	"	"	"	20% "	136.00
Boston	"	"	"	7% "	47.60
					$ 680.00

Our Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to appoint Committees to assist in raising the necessary additional funds for carrying on the work under the charge of the following Committees viz — Gospel Work
Foreign Missions
Western Indians

The clerk informs that he has received the usual number of copies of the Providence Boarding School Report and of the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting, which have been sent down to our monthly meetings -
Also that he has received 450 Copies of the London General Epistle for 1888, which will be sent to our Monthly meetings - The reading of the Epistle is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting -

A returning minute for our friend Richard H. Thomas, has been read and approved by this and the womens meeting - The clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf - also similar ones for John Carey - John B. Garrett and Eli Sharpless
He is also directed to sign a returning minute for Allen C. Thomas, companion to Richard H. Thomas. and returning minute [illegible] by the womens

for Peace Jones and Charlotte D. Holmes —
The business being closed we conclude, proposing to meet in Weare at the established time in 10 mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige — Clerk.

Tenth Month 1888 —

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare N. H. 18th of 10 mo. 1888 —
By [illegible] from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are
From Salem Peter M. Neal Stephen R. Rogers
Joshua Buffum, Wm O. Newhall
From Amesbury Moses E. Nichols, Chas. E. Peaslee.
Moses Hunting
From Weare Dennis A. Chase, Franklin T. Huntington, David Gove John Paige
From Boston Olney T. Meader
Who are present except Stephen R. Rogers and Charles E. Peaslee. For the absence of the former a sufficient reason was given.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers to the First, Second, and Tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to nominate a committee to visit our Smaller meetings report that "way did not open to present such names and requested to be released. Their request was granted and we appointed instead on the part of this meeting Olney T. Meader, Owen Dame, Geo. H. Jones to present names of said proposed visiting committee.
The committee subsequently presented the following

names - William O. Newhall, Lavina G. Huntington
Charles H. Thorndike, Elizabeth T. Larkin, Cornelius
Visiting Com Turner William O. Pinkham, Thomas Wood
Stephen Sweatt, Clement R. Hanson, Charles E. Peaslee
Alice W. Hatfield. Which nominations being considered in joint session of men and women Friends are satisfactory, and they are accordingly appointed to the service indicated; and they are desired to report at our Quarterly Meeting to be held in Tenth Month 1889.

The London General Epistle for 1888 has been read in joint session of men & women friends -
We commend the loving and wise counsel, the earnest entreaty, and the word of warning contained therein to the careful attention of our members, with the prayerful hope that they may prove like seed falling into good ground, and may bring forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold -
The business being closed we conclude, proposing to meet in Salem at the established time in the First Month next -

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige, Clerk.

First Month 1889 -
Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem
1 Mo. 17 1889 -
Accounts have been received from our Monthly Meetings. Their Representatives to this meeting are as follows viz —
From Salem Owen Dame Geo. L. Crossman
Cornelius Turner, Clement R. Hanson
From Amesbury Moses O. Nichols Geo. F. Beede
From Weare Franklin T. Huntington Geo. H. Jones
Samuel [illegible] Nichols
From Boston Thomas Wood, Stephen Sweatt

Hiram V. Gould, who are all present

E. D. Gildersleeve present — Our beloved friend Elmer D. Gildersleeve, a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Poughkeepsie Monthly Meeting held First Mo. 16. His company and service in the gospel has been acceptable to us—

With the concurrence of Women Friends we unite with Salem Monthly Meeting

C. R. Hanson ministry acknowledged — acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Clement R. Hanson

Also with the same meeting in the appointment of the following named friends as associate members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight— viz—

Alfred Manning,
Lydia P. Chase
Martha C. Jepson
Chas. H. Atkins
Cornelius Turner
Deborah W. Crosman
Sylvanus Manning

Peter M. Neal
Jane Nichols
Tacy P. Hawkes
Nellie M. Hanson—
Mary E. Newhall
Isabel D. Chase
Lydia G. Neal

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First Second & Tenth from our Monthly Meetings—

The following information has been received from the Clerk of the Representative Meeting

S. R. Buffinton appointed Y. M. Treas— "To Salem Quarterly Meeting—

Dear Friends At a special Representative Meeting held in Boston 10 Mo 26 1888—

The resignation of Geo Howland Jr. Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, was received, read, and accepted at this time, and Samuel R. Buffinton was appointed Treasurer in his place—

From the minutes of the meeting aforesaid,
Timothy B. Hussey Clerk —
P.S. Samuel R. Buffinton Treas —
Fall River Mass

We appoint John Ellwood Paige, Daniel C. Hatfield
John F. Chase David N. Holway
to make such arrangements with the railroad
R R Com officials as may be practicable, for reduction of
[illegible] & Friends attending our Quarterly Meetings

By request of Weare Mo. Meeting thro its Representatives, we appoint Daniel C. Hatfield
Com. on Owen Dame, Stephen R. Rogers,
apportionment Franklin T. Huntington, Thomas Wood
Jonathan [illegible] John F. Chase and Hezekiah
Binns — to whom we refer the subject of a new apportionment of funds to be raised by our several Mo. Meetings —

A returning minute for Elmer D. Gildersleeve has been read and approved by this and the [illegible] meeting — The clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf —

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Amesbury, at the usual time in Fifth month next —

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige - Clerk —

Fifth Month 1889

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 23 of Fifth Mo. 1889 -

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings - the Representatives to this meeting are

From Salem Clement R. Hanson Stephen R. Rogers
Cyrus Jones Wm B. Ramsdell
Wm O. Newhall Joshua Buxton
From Amesbury John L. Folsom Daniel C. Marfield
Jonathan N. Osborn Moses Huntington
From Weare Franklin T. Huntington, Saml. C. Nichols
Chas. H. Thorndike -
From Boston Stephen Sweatt Hiram V. Gould
Thomas Wood -

Who are present except Saml. C. Nichols and Hiram V. Gould -

J. W. Wilmore present -

Our beloved friend Jesse W. Wilmore with a minute of unity from Barclay Mo. Meeting of Friends endorsed by Cottonwood Quarterly Meeting Kansas - is in attendance of this meeting - His company and service in the gospel have been acceptable to us -

Elders &c appd -

Amesbury Monthly Meeting proposes the appointment of Peter F. Sweatt - Albert C. Hill, Sarah A. Hill Daniel C. Marfield and Alice W. Marfield to the Station of Elder - and Sophia Davis, Amanda M Brown, Sarah D. Brown, Sarah V. Farrington Moses C. Nichols Evelyn A. Folsom, Ruth N. Buck Francis Peaslee and Mary B. Peaslee, as associate members of the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight - Weare Monthly Meeting proposes, Charles H. Thorndike Hannah E. Chase, Geo. H. Jones, Ellen C. Jones Francis R. Chase & Mary Abby Chase for associate members of the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight -. All of which propositions having claimed the careful consideration of this meeting have been united with - in which the Womens Quarterly Meeting concurs. The nominations are therefore confirmed, and the clerk is directed to give the necessary information -

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings from which a summary has been prepared for the Yearly Meeting to be held in Portland in Sixth Mo. next. We appoint representatives to that meeting as follows viz - Joseph Cartland, Wm O. Newhall Albert C. Hill - Stephen R. Rogers Wm P. Pinkham Owen Dame, Hezekiah Binns, Dan'l C. Mayfield Joshua Buxton, John H. Crosman, Cyrus Jones Chas. E. Peaslee, Peter M. Neal -

Statistics of Membership computed to first of Third month have been prepared by our Monthly Meetings and a summary compiled, which we forward to the Yearly Meeting -

Number Reported last year		660
Births		3
Admitted		17
Moved in		24
		704
Deaths	16	
Released	3	
Moved out	2	21
Membership 3 mo 1 1889		683
Gain		23

Number of Children 4 to 21	107
" " " 12 " 21	66
" " " attending school	83
" " " " Taught or controlled by Friends	4

Our Monthly Meetings all report that their Treasurers have been directed to pay their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting - and our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same to the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting -

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a new apportionment, is continued -

A returning minute for Jesse W. Willmore has been read and approved - by this and the womens meeting - and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf. -

An essay for a report to the Yearly Meeting has been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign and forward it. -

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Lynn at the usual time in Eighth Mo. next -
Signed on behalf of the meeting -
John Ellwood Paige Clerk -

Answers 1889

I All our meetings for worship & discipline have been regularly held, except six omissions of mid week meetings. First day meetings are generally well attended - Mid week meetings continue to be small.
The hour is observed with a few exceptions.

II With some exception love and unity are maintained. Detraction mostly guarded against. Care is exercised to end differences as soon as noticed -

III Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train all under their care, in accordance with our christian profession, but we are aware that greater faithfulness is needed-

IV We believe the custom of frequently reading the Holy Scriptures - individually and collectively prevails in nearly all our families - and its importance urged upon our children and others. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained, with some exception reported of one Monthly Meeting-

V We think with eleven exceptions, friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage more care needed in regard to amusements & diversions -

VI Care is taken to fulfil the requirements of this query -

VII Our testimony in regard to military matters is maintained - with exceptions reported by two monthly Meetings - Some cases of taking and administering oaths. Clear of defrauding the public revenue-

VIII We believe that Friends are generally careful to observe the requirements of this query -

IX Our records are attended to- Some deficiency in regard to certificates-

X Friends endeavor to carry out the requirements of the discipline - timely & impartially -

Eighth Mo. 1889

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 15th of 8 Mo. 1889

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this meeting are

From Salem Wm O. Newhall, Joseph G. Smith
Joshua Buxton, John H. Crosman
Geo. L. Hanson Henry V. Buxton
From Amesbury Dan'l C. Maxfield, Moses Huntington
Peter F. Lovett
From Weare John Paige, Sam'l. C. Nichol
Geo. H. Jones -
From Boston Olney T. Meader Hiram V. Gould
Who are all present

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed, the Representatives propose John Ellwood Paige for Clerk and Daniel C. Maxfield for Assistant Clerk - which nominations being severally considered are approved, and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Representatives also propose that when united meetings are held, John Ellwood Paige act as Clerk, and Deborah W. Crosman as assistant clerk, which is approved by this and the womans meeting

The Representatives also propose Charles F. Coffin for Treasurer, which is approved in concurrence with women Friends, and the appointment made -

We have the acceptable company of the following named Ministers, with credentials of unity from their respective meetings, viz -
Allen C. Thomas from Baltimore Mo. Meeting
Amos M. Kenworthy from Plainfield Mo. Meeting endorsed by Plainfield Quarterly Meeting Indiana

John Fry from Muscatine Mo. Meeting, endorsed by Springdale Quarterly Meeting - Iowa.
John Metcalfe from Smithfield Mo. Meeting, and Josiah E. Prescott from Durham Mo. Meeting
We have also the acceptable company of our friend Isaac P. Hazard, an Elder from Scipio Mo. Mtg. New York, as companion to Amos M. Kenworthy.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from our Monthly Meetings -

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended except Charles E. Peaslee -

The committee to whom was referred the subject of revising the apportionment among our Monthly Meetings are continued -

The following minute has been received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting - viz -
At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Portland Maine, Sixth Mo. 1889.
It was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting this year, the sum of Four Thousand dollars; Which sum our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to forward to our Treasurer Samuel R Buffinton, on or before the first of Fifth mo. next
The quota for Salem Quarterly Meeting 17½ % is $700.00
This Meeting directs that each Monthly Meeting appoint committees to assist in raising funds in aid of the Committee on Foreign missions. the committee on Western Indians, and the committee on Gospel Work - and place said sum in the hands of the Treasurers of of said Committees respectively,
By direction of the meeting, William O. Newhall Clerk

Our Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to appoint Committees for the service indicated in the foregoing minute.

The following minute has also been received viz

To Salem Quarterly Meeting

Our Quarterly Meetings, are hereby directed to appoint Committees to Co-operate with the Yearly Meetings Committee on Gospel work, as way may open.. By direction of the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Portland Maine Sixth month 1889

Wm O Newhall Clerk

We do therefore appoint on the part of this meeting Geo. C Herber, Daniel C. Mayfield, Lindley H. Osborne, Thomas Wood — to Co operate with the Yearly Meetings Committee on Gospel Work as way shall open —

We have received the usual quantity of Reports of Providence Boarding School, Printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and London General Epistle for 1889. also 150 Copies of Revised Calendar of Meetings of Friends in New England which have been sent to our monthly meetings —

The reading of the London General Epistle is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting

A draft of a returning minute for visiting Friends has been read and approved by this and the womens meeting, and the Clerk is authorized to sign them

The business being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet at Weare in 10 mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Asst. Clerk

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Weare 10 Mo. 17 1889 —

By accounts from our Monthly Meeting, the Representatives to this meeting are

From Salem, Owen Dame, Geo. C. Herbert
Joshua Buxton, John W. Cossman
Joseph G. Smith –
From Amesbury Daniel C. Maxfield, Geo. F. Beede
Moses O. Nichols —
From Weare Franklin T. Huntington Dennis R. Chase
Nathan C. Dow Moses Sawyer
From Boston Olney T. Meader.

Who are present except two – for whose absence sufficient reasons were given.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friend Albert C. Minot, with a minute of unity from Falmouth Monthly Meeting Maine –

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the First Second & tenth from our Monthly Meetings

The Committee appointed in First Month last to consider the subject of a new apportionment among our Monthly Meetings, present the following report viz – The committee to whom was referred the subject of a new apportionment, are united in reporting the following –

Salem	53 %
Amesbury	20 %
Weare	17 %
Boston	10 %

Daniel C. Maxfield for the Com-

Weare 10 Mo. 17 – 1889

which is approved by this & the womens meeting and the recommendation adopted.

Our Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of the sum called for by the Yearly Meeting viz, $700. to C. F. Coffin our Treasurer, on or before the first of Fifth Mo. next,

Salem	Mo. Meetings	proportion,		53%	371.00
Amesbury	"	"	"	20%	140.00
Weare	"	"	"	17%	119.00
Boston	"	"	"	10%	70.00

A draft of a returning minute for Albert F. Minot has been read and approved by this and the wom. meeting - and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf -

The Committee appointed in 10 Mo. last to visit our smaller meetings, as way might open, reported verbally, in joint session that some service has been accomplished by individual members, but no concerted action has been taken. The report is accepted and the committee discharged

The London General Epistle for 1889 has been read in joint session, to our instruction, comfort, and encouragement.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in Salem at the established time in First month next—

Signed on behalf of the meeting
John Ellwood Paige Clerk.

First Month 1890 –

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem 16th of First Mo. 1890 –
By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are –

For Salem Wm O. Newhall, Alfred Manning
Eli Jepson Anna Dame Joshua Buxton
For Amesbury Geo F. Beede, Robert S. Brown
For Weare F. T. Huntington Henry Osborne
For Boston Miriam V. Gould, Olney T. Meader

Who are present except those from Amesbury, one of whom sends sufficient excuse –

Our beloved friend Eri Sharpless, with a minute of unity from Stuart Mo. Meeting, endorsed by Bear Creek Quarterly Meeting Iowa, accompanying, attended this meeting. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute, women friends concurring.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

We appoint Daniel N. Holmes, John [illegible] and Samuel C. Hatfield, to make such arrangements as they may be able to, with the railroads – for reduction of fares, to friends attending our Quarterly Meeting.

It is hereby directed that our Monthly Meetings – in case of the absence of their clerk – shall appoint a clerk for the day, as all minutes emanating from a Monthly Meeting signed only by an assistant clerk are not considered valid in Courts of law.

The business being closed we conclude proposing to meet in meeting at the usual time in Fifth Mo. next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
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Fifth Month 1890—

At Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury
22 of 5 mo. 1890—

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives
to this meeting are
For Salem, Owen Dame, Stephen R. Rogers,
Cyrus Jones, Libbeus Hill, Eli Jepson
Henry V. Buxton, Joshua Buxton
For Amesbury Geo. F. Beede John L. Folsom
Daniel C. Maffield
For Weare Franklin T. Huntington, John Paige
Dennis R. Chase
For Boston Hiram V. Gould, Thomas Wood
Stephen Swett.
Who are present except one, for whose absence a
sufficient reason is given.

This meeting unites with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Alfred Manning and Lydia P. Chase to the Station of Elder; with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles H. Thorndike, Hannah E. Chase, Geo. H. Jones, Ellen C. Jones, Dennis R. Chase and Mary Almy Chase, Associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and oversight, and with Boston Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Mary B. Swan and Gulielma C. Wood to the Station of Elder, and Elizabeth W. Swan, Susan H. Meader, Louisa P. Hong, Wm H. Butler, Mary W. Goddard, William Wood, Asenath Wood and Caroline D. Barton, associate members of the meeting on Ministry and oversight.
In all of which the womens meeting concurs—

The Queries have been read in this meeting - with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings - from which a summary has been prepared for the Yearly meeting to be held at Newport R.I. in the Sixth Month next. We appoint Representatives to said meeting as follows viz- John Paige, Wm O. Newhall, John F. Chase Stephen R. Rogers, Owen Dame, Wm P. Pinkham, Charles H. Atkins Thomas Wood, Geo. C. Herbert, Cyrus Jones, Libbeus Hill

Daniel C. Maffield, Peter M. Neal, Charles E. Peaslee -

Our Monthly Meetings all report that they have directed that their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting stock be paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting; and our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay our quota of said stock to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer —

We appoint Allen J. Aldrich to serve in conjunction with a committee appointed in First Mo. last, in the matter of railroad fares.

Statistical reports from our Monthly Meetings, have been received and read, and the Clerk is directed to forward a summary of the same to the Yearly Meeting -

Number reported last year		683
Births		3
Moved in		33
Admitted		21
		740
Error in last report - loss	14	
Deaths	16	
Moved out	7	
Released	1	38
Present number		702
Gain		19

No. Children between 4 and 21	105
" " " 18 " 21	70
" " Attending school	78
" " " " taught or controlled by Friends	10

Salem Quarterly Meeting of Men Friends is united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to take under careful advisement, the subject of the manner of raising money by the Yearly Meeting, with a view of affording relief to such of our members, as feel that the Yearly Meeting ought not to assess the subordinate meetings for funds, other than such as are required for the actual expenses of the Yearly Meeting; leaving all monies for missionary or charitable purposes to be raised by voluntary contribution -

A draft of a report to the Yearly Meeting has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward it.

The business being closed we conclude, proposing to meet in Lynn at the usual time in Eighth Month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting -
John Ellwood Paige, Clerk -

Answers 1890 -

I All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been regularly held, except five omissions. First day meetings are generally well attended, those of the mid-week meetings are small. Some deficiency in the matter of promptness.

II We believe Friends are in a good degree careful that no differences of sentiment shall impair their love one to another, and that they are careful to avoid detraction. Some care taken in regard to differences

III Most Friends endeavor to live a Christian life; yet we realize that more care is needed, on the part of some to fulfill the requirements of this query -

IV We think many of our members frequently read the Holy Scriptures individually and collectively, and encourage the practice in others. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is not fully maintained.

V One Preparative meeting reports "nearly clear." Two others make six exceptions in the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Some care needed regarding the remaining parts of this query.

VI Careful in these particulars as far as appears -

VII One meeting reports some exception in regard to military matters and two in regard to oaths. No case of defrauding the public revenue -

VIII Nearly all our members exercise a prudent care in regard to their temporal affairs - and with few exceptions, meet their obligations promptly.

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